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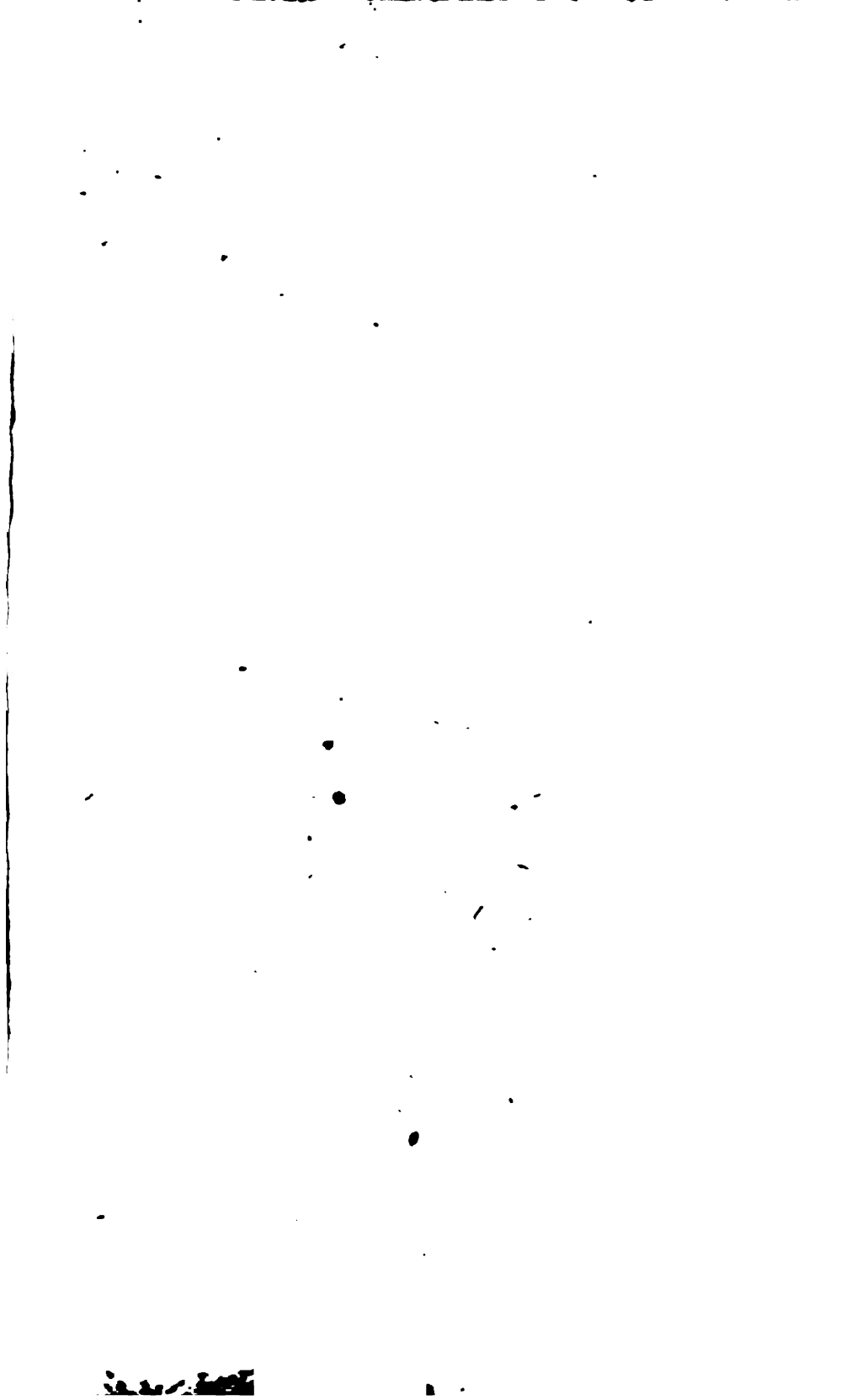
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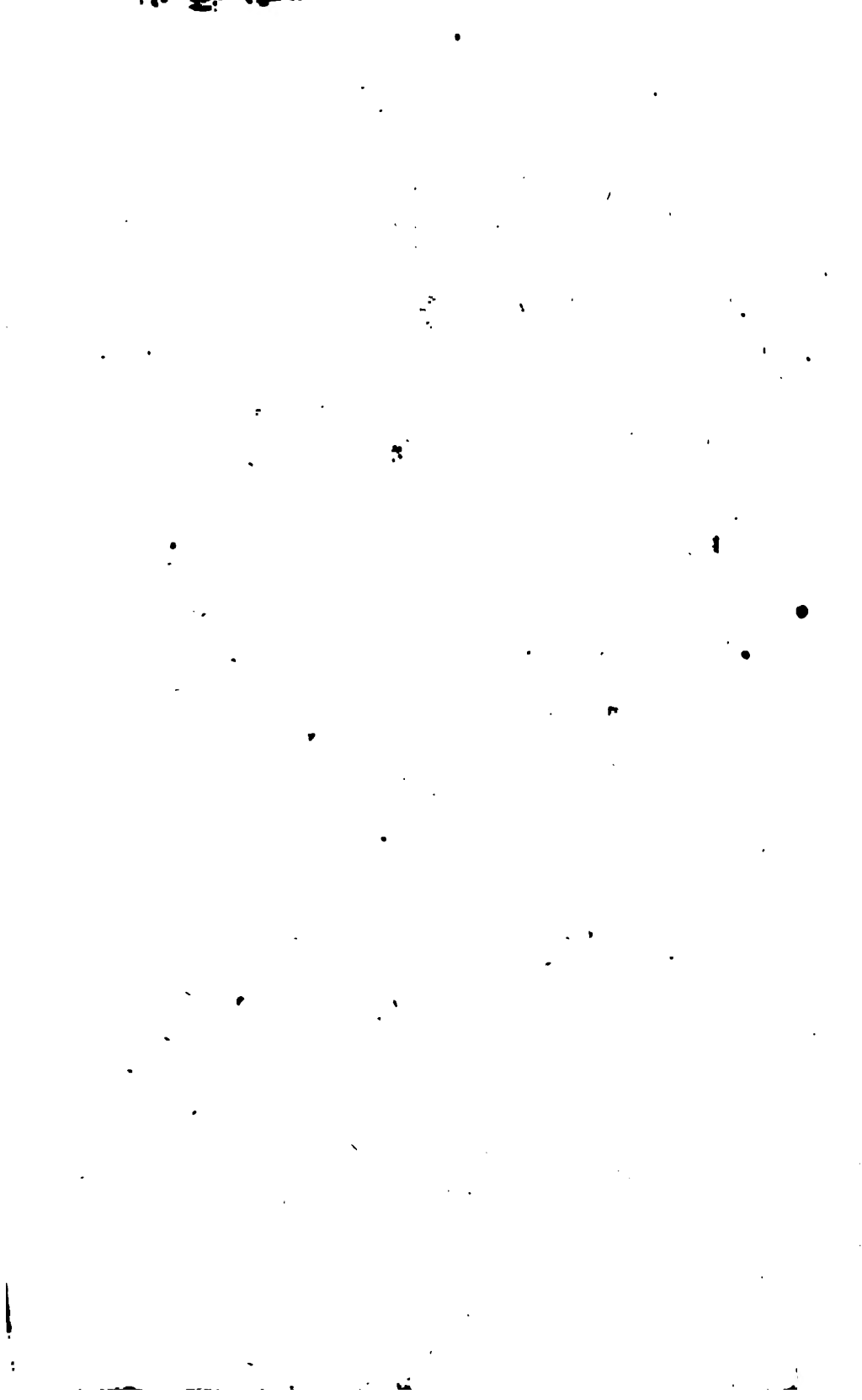


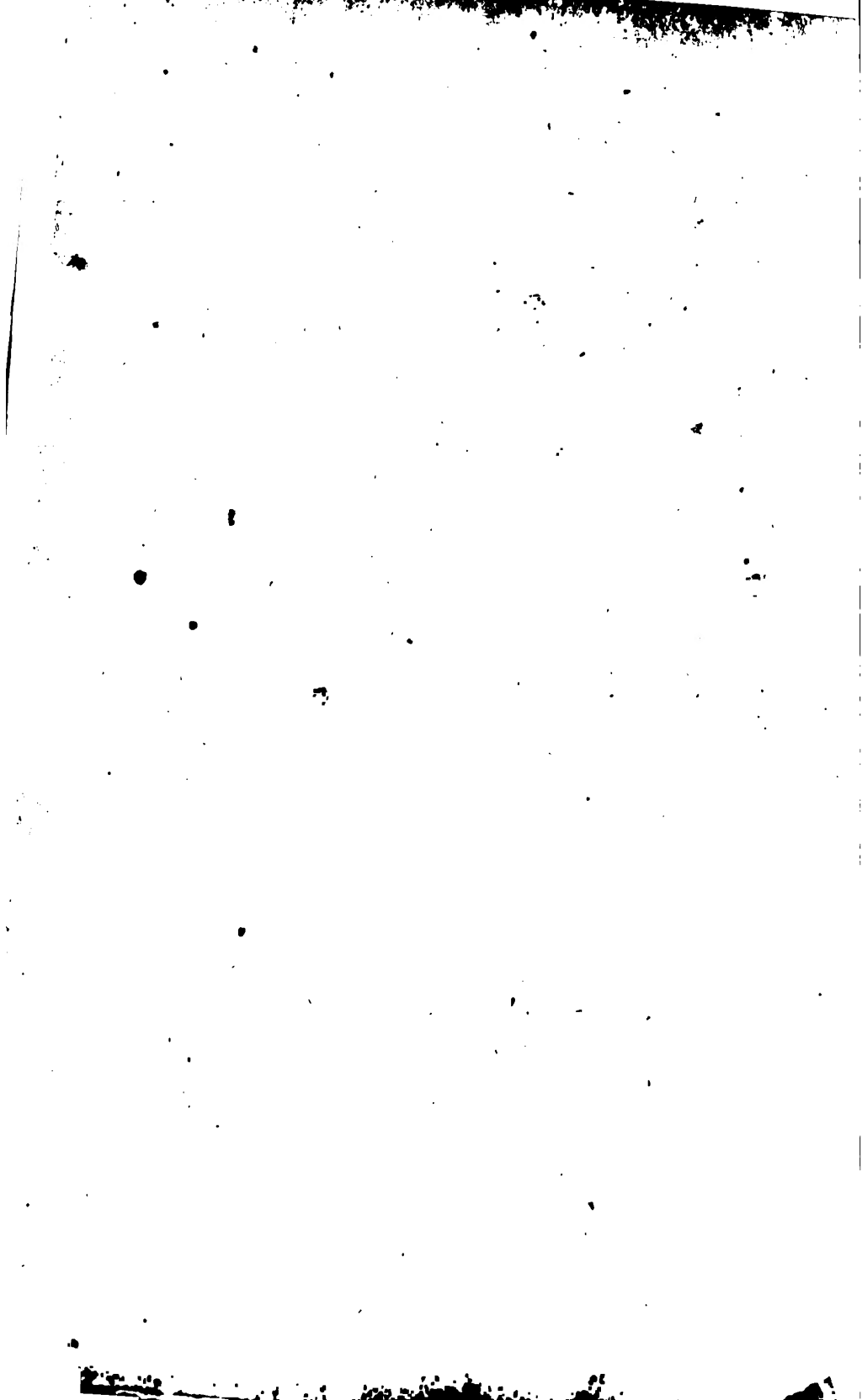


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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

OF

**THE UNITED STATES;**

**BEING THE SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS,**

**BEGUN AND HELD**

**AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,**

**DECEMBER 6, 1830.**

**AND IN THE FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES.**

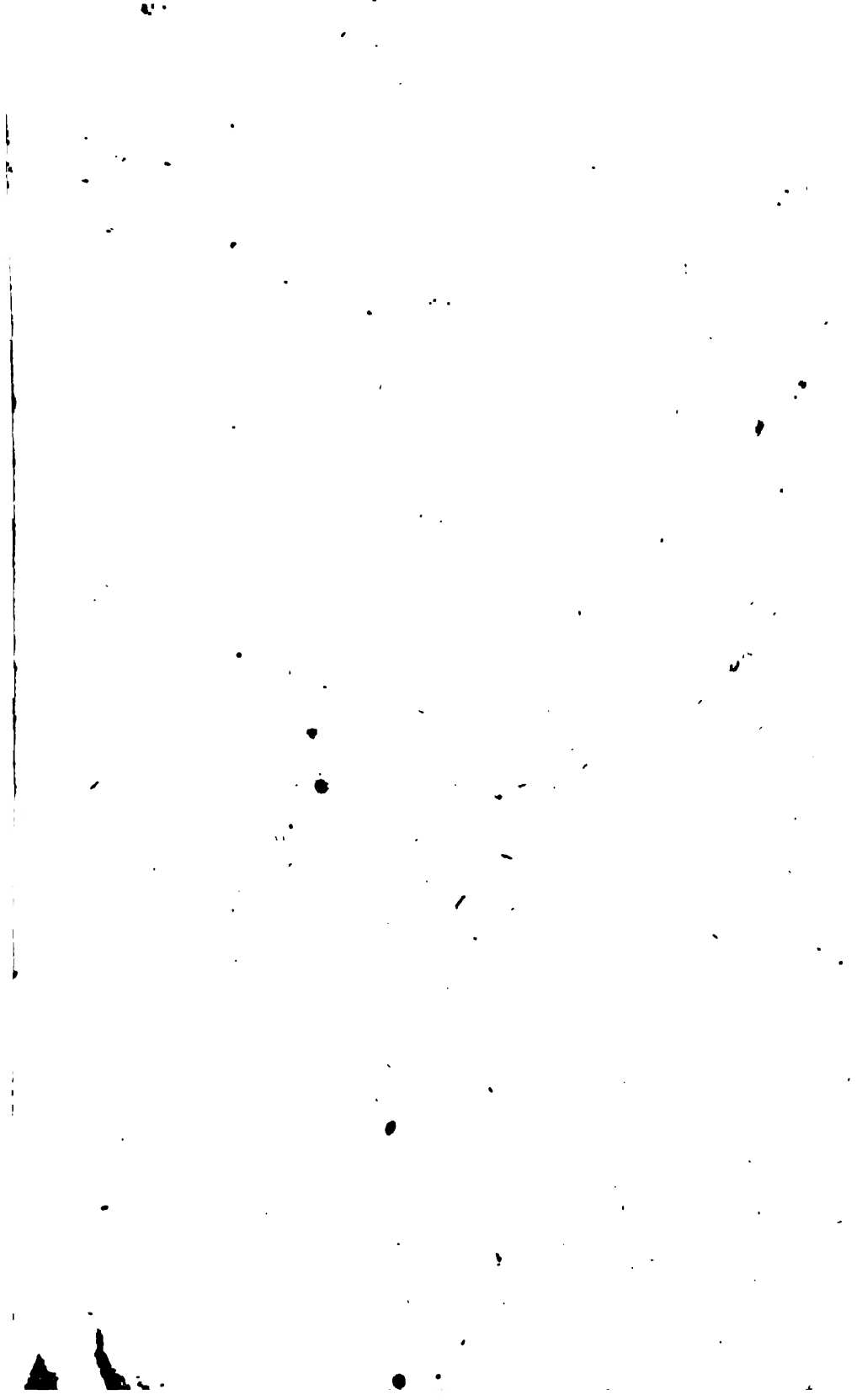
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From SOUTH CAROLINA, - - { James Blair,  
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Wiley Thompson,  
James M. Wayne.

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Charles A. Wickliffe,  
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John Blair,  
Robert Desha,  
Cave Johnson,  
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James K. Polk,  
James Standefer.

From OHIO, - - - { Mordecai Bartley,  
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James Findlay,  
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William Kennon,  
William Russel,  
James Shields,  
William Stanberry,  
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Joseph Vance,  
Samuel F. Vinton,  
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Edward D. White.

From INDIANA, - - - { Ratliff Boon,  
Jonathan Jennings.

From MISSISSIPPI,	-	-	-	Thomas Hinds.
From ILLINOIS,	-	-	-	Joseph Duncan.
From ALABAMA,	-	-	-	{ Robert Emmet B. Baylor, Clement C. Clay, Dixon H. Lewis.
From MISSOURI,	-	-	-	Spencer Pettis.

Several new members appeared, viz:

*From the State of Maine.*—Cornelius Holland, in the place of James W. Ripley, resigned; and Leonard Jarvis, to supply the vacancy in the representation from that State.

*From the State of New York.*—Samuel W. Eager, in the place of Hector Craig, resigned; and Jonah Sanford, in the place of Silas Wright, jr., who declined to take the seat awarded to him at the last session.

*From the State of Virginia.*—Joseph Draper, in the place of Alexander Smyth, deceased; and John M. Patton, in the place of Philip P. Barbour, resigned.

*From the State of Ohio.*—Humphrey H. Leavitt, in the place of John M. Goodenow, resigned.

Delegates from Territories also appeared, and took their seats, viz:

*From the Territory of Michigan.*—John Biddle.

*From the Territory of Florida.*—Joseph M. White.

And a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number of members of the House, being present,

It was announced to the House by Mr. Archer, one of the Representatives from the State of Virginia, that the Speaker (Andrew Stevenson) was indisposed and unable to attend, but that his attendance might be expected to-morrow.

A motion was then made by Mr. Polk, that the House do adjourn until to-morrow, twelve o'clock meridian;

And the question on this motion being put by the Clerk,

It passed in the affirmative,

And so the House adjourned until to-morrow, twelve o'clock meridian.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1830.

The Speaker, Andrew Stevenson, of Virginia, attended, and took the chair.

The new members who attended yesterday, viz:

*From the State of Maine.*—Cornelius Holland and Leonard Jarvis;

*From the State of New York.*—Samuel W. Eager and Jonah Sanford;

*From the State of Virginia.*—Joseph Draper and John M. Patton;

*From the State of Ohio.*—Humphrey H. Leavitt;

were sworn to support the Constitution of the United States, according to law.

Several other members, viz:

*From the State of Massachusetts.*—James L. Hodges;

*From the State of Pennsylvania.*—Joel B. Sutherland and Adam King;

*From the State of Maryland.*—Michael C. Sprigg and Richard Spencer;

*From the State of Virginia*—Thomas Davenport;

*From the State of South Carolina*—George McDuffie and Warren R. Davis;

*From the State of Kentucky*—Nicholas D. Coleman;

*From the State of Ohio*—William Creighton, jr.;  
appeared, and took their seats.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed to acquaint the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business. And then he withdrew.

*Ordered,* That a message be sent to the Senate, informing that body that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled, and that the House is ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. Haynes,

*Resolved,* That a committee be appointed on the part of this House, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make.

Mr. Haynes, and Mr. Richard M. Johnson, of Kentucky, were appointed of the said committee on the part of this House.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk notify the Senate of the appointment of the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved,* That two Chaplains, of different denominations, be elected, to serve during the present session of Congress, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Haynes,

*Resolved,* That the daily hour to which this House shall stand adjourned be twelve o'clock at noon, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Ramsey,

*Resolved,* That the Clerk be directed to cause the members of this House to be furnished with such newspapers as they, respectively, may elect; the expense of each member not to exceed the price of three daily papers.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have concurred in the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make; and the Senate have appointed the committee on their part. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Haynes, from the said joint committee, reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned it; and that the President answered, that he would, this day, make to the two Houses of Congress a communication, in writing.

A message, in writing, was then received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his Private Secretary; which was read, and is as follows:

*Fellow-Citizens of the Senate**and House of Representatives:*

The pleasure I have in congratulating you upon your return to your constitutional duties is much heightened by the satisfaction which the condition of our beloved country at this period justly inspires. The beneficent Author of all good has granted to us, during the present year, health, peace, and plenty, and numerous causes for joy in the wonderful success which attends the progress of our free institutions.

With a population unparalleled in its increase, and possessing a character which combines the hardihood of enterprise with the considerateness of wisdom, we see in every section of our happy country a steady improvement in the means of social intercourse, and correspondent effects upon the genius and laws of our extended republic.

The apparent exceptions to the harmony of the prospect are to be referred rather to inevitable diversities in the various interests which enter into the composition of so extensive a whole, than to any want of attachment to the Union—interests whose collisions serve only, in the end, to foster the spirit of conciliation and patriotism, so essential to the preservation of that Union, which, I most devoutly hope, is destined to prove imperishable.

In the midst of these blessings, we have recently witnessed changes in the condition of other nations, which may, in their consequences, call for the utmost vigilance, wisdom, and unanimity in our councils, and the exercise of all the moderation and patriotism of our people.

The important modifications of their government, effected with so much courage and wisdom by the people of France, afford a happy presage of their future course, and have naturally elicited from the kindred feelings of this nation that spontaneous and universal burst of applause in which you have participated. In congratulating you, my fellow-citizens, upon an event so auspicious to the dearest interests of mankind, I do no more than respond to the voice of my country, without transcending, in the slightest degree, that salutary maxim of the illustrious Washington, which enjoins an abstinence from all interference with the internal affairs of other nations. From a people exercising, in the most unlimited degree, the right of self-government, and enjoying, as derived from this proud characteristic, under the favor of heaven, much of the happiness with which they are blessed; a people who can point in triumph to their free institutions, and challenge comparison with the fruits they bear, as well as with the moderation, intelligence, and energy, with which they are administered; from such a people, the deepest sympathy was to be expected in a struggle for the sacred principles of liberty, conducted in a spirit every way worthy of the cause, and crowned by a heroic moderation which has disarmed revolution of its terrors. Notwithstanding the strong assurances which the man whom we so sincerely love and justly admire has given to the world of the high character of the present King of the French, and which, if sustained to the end, will secure to him the proud appellation of Patriot King—it is not in his success, but in that of the great principle which has borne him to the throne—the paramount authority of the public will—that the American people rejoice.

I am happy to inform you that the anticipations which were indulged at the date of my last communication on the subject of our foreign affairs, have been fully realized in several important particulars.

An arrangement has been effected with Great Britain, in relation to the trade between the United States and her West India and North American colonies, which has settled a question that has for years afforded matter for contention and almost uninterrupted discussion, and has been the subject of no less than six negotiations, in a manner which promises results highly favorable to the parties.

The abstract right of Great Britain to monopolize the trade with her colonies, or to exclude us from a participation therein, has never been denied by the United States. But we have contended, and with reason, that if, at any time, Great Britain may desire the productions of this country, as necessary to her colonies, they must be received upon principles of just reciprocity; and further, that it is making an invidious and unfriendly distinction, to open her colonial ports to the vessels of other nations, and close them against those of the United States.

Antecedently to 1794, a portion of our productions was admitted into the colonial islands of Great Britain, by particular concessions, limited to the term of one year, but renewed from year to year. In the transportation of these productions, however, our vessels were not allowed to engage; this being a privilege reserved to British shipping, by which alone our produce could be taken to the islands, and theirs brought to us in return. From Newfoundland and her continental possessions, all our productions, as well as our vessels, were excluded, with occasional relaxations, by which, in seasons of distress, the former were admitted in British bottoms.

By the treaty of 1794, she offered to concede to us, for a limited time, the right of carrying to her West India possessions, in our vessels not exceeding seventy tons burthen, and upon the same terms as British vessels, any productions of the United States which British vessels might import therefrom. But this privilege was coupled with conditions which are supposed to have led to its rejection by the Senate; that is, that American vessels should land their return cargoes in the United States only; and, moreover, that they should, during the continuance of the privilege, be precluded from carrying molasses, sugar, coffee, cocoa, or cotton, either from those islands, or from the United States, to any other part of the world. Great Britain readily consented to expunge this article from the treaty; and subsequent attempts to arrange the terms of the trade, either by treaty stipulations or concerted legislation, having failed, it has been successively suspended and allowed, according to the varying legislation of the parties.

The following are the prominent points which have, in later years, separated the two Governments. Besides a restriction, whereby all importations into her colonies in American vessels are confined to our own products carried hence, a restriction to which it does not appear that we have ever objected, a leading object on the part of Great Britain has been to prevent us from becoming the carriers of British West India commodities to any other country than our own. On the part of the United States, it has been contended, 1st. That the subject should be regulated by treaty stipulation, in preference to separate legislation: 2d. That our productions, when imported into the colonies in question, should not be subject to higher duties than the productions of the mother country, or of her other colonial possessions; and, 3d. That our vessels should be allowed to participate in the circuitous trade between the United States and different parts of the British dominions.

The first point, after having been, for a long time, strenuously insisted



upon by Great Britain, was given up by the act of Parliament of July, 1825; all vessels suffered to trade with the colonies being permitted to clear from thence with any articles which British vessels might export, and proceed to any part of the world, Great Britain and her dependencies alone excepted. On our part, each of the above points had, in succession, been explicitly abandoned in negotiations preceding that of which the result is now announced.

This arrangement secures to the United States every advantage asked by them, and which the state of the negotiation allowed us to insist upon. The trade will be placed upon a footing decidedly more favorable to this country than any on which it ever stood; and our commerce and navigation will enjoy, in the colonial ports of Great Britain, every privilege allowed to other nations.

That the prosperity of the country, so far as it depends on this trade, will be greatly promoted by the new arrangement, there can be no doubt. Independently of the more obvious advantages of an open and direct intercourse, its establishment will be attended with other consequences of a higher value. That which has been carried on since the mutual interdict under all the expense and inconvenience unavoidably incident to it, would have been insupportably onerous, had it not been, in a great degree, lightened by concerted evasions in the mode of making the transshipments at what are called the neutral ports. These indirections are inconsistent with the dignity of nations that have so many motives, not only to cherish feelings of mutual friendship, but to maintain such relations as will stimulate their respective citizens and subjects to efforts of direct, open, and honorable competition only; and preserve them from the influence of seductive and vitiating circumstances.

When your preliminary interposition was asked at the close of the last session, a copy of the instructions under which Mr. McLane has acted, together with the communications which had at that time passed between him and the British Government, was laid before you. Although there has not been any thing in the acts of the two Governments which requires secrecy, it was thought most proper, in the then state of the negotiation, to make that communication a confidential one. So soon, however, as the evidence of execution on the part of Great Britain is received, the whole matter shall be laid before you, when it will be seen that the apprehension which appears to have suggested one of the provisions of the act passed at your last session, that the restoration of the trade in question might be connected with other subjects, and was sought to be obtained at the sacrifice of the public interest in other particulars, was wholly unfounded; and that the change which has taken place in the views of the British Government has been induced by considerations as honorable to both parties as, I trust, the result will prove beneficial.

This desirable result was, it will be seen, greatly promoted by the liberal and confiding provisions of the act of Congress of the last session, by which our ports were, upon the reception and annunciation, by the President, of the required assurance on the part of Great Britain, forthwith opened to her vessels, before the arrangement could be carried into effect on her part; pursuing, in this act of prospective legislation, a similar course to that adopted by Great Britain, in abolishing, by her act of Parliament, in 1825, a restriction then existing, and permitting our vessels to clear from the colonies, on their return voyages, for any foreign country whatever,

before British vessels had been relieved from the restriction imposed by our law, of returning directly from the United States to the colonies—a restriction which she required and expected that we should abolish. Upon each occasion, a limited and temporary advantage has been given to the opposite party, but an advantage of no importance in comparison with the restoration of mutual confidence and good feeling, and the ultimate establishment of the trade upon fair principles.

It gives me unfeigned pleasure to assure you that this negotiation has been, throughout, characterised by the most frank and friendly spirit on the part of Great Britain, and concluded in a manner strongly indicative of a sincere desire to cultivate the best relations with the United States. To reciprocate this disposition to the fullest extent of my ability, is a duty which I shall deem it a privilege to discharge.

Although the result is, itself, the best commentary on the services rendered to his country by our Minister at the court of St. James, it would be doing violence to my feelings were I to dismiss the subject without expressing the very high sense I entertain of the talent and exertion which have been displayed by him on the occasion.

The injury to the commerce of the United States resulting from the exclusion of our vessels from the Black sea, and the previous footing of mere sufferance upon which even the limited trade enjoyed by us with Turkey has hitherto been placed, have, for a long time, been a source of much solicitude to this Government; and several endeavors have been made to obtain a better state of things. Sensible of the importance of the object, I felt it my duty to leave no proper means unemployed to acquire for our flag the same privileges that are enjoyed by the principal powers of Europe. Commissioners were, consequently, appointed, to open a negotiation with the Sublime Porte. Not long after the member of the commission who went directly from the United States had sailed, the account of the treaty of Adrianople, by which one of the objects in view was supposed to be secured, reached this country. The Black sea was understood to be opened to us. Under the supposition that this was the case, the additional facilities to be derived from the establishment of commercial regulations with the Porte were deemed of sufficient importance to require a prosecution of the negotiation as originally contemplated. It was therefore persevered in, and resulted in a treaty, which will be forthwith laid before the Senate.

By its provisions, a free passage is secured, without limitation of time, to the vessels of the United States, to and from the Black sea, including the navigation thereof; and our trade with Turkey is placed on the footing of the most favored nation. The latter is an arrangement wholly independent of the treaty of Adrianople; and the former derives much value, not only from the increased security which, under any circumstances, it would give to the right in question, but from the fact, ascertained in the course of the negotiation, that, by the construction put upon that treaty by Turkey, the article relating to the passage of the Bosphorus is confined to nations having treaties with the Porte. The most friendly feelings appear to be entertained by the Sultan, and an enlightened disposition is evinced by him to foster the intercourse between the two countries by the most liberal arrangements. This disposition it will be our duty and interest to cherish.

Our relations with Russia are of the most stable character. Respect for that empire, and confidence in its friendship towards the United States, have been so long entertained on our part, and so carefully cherished by the pre-

sent Emperor and his illustrious predecessor, as to have become incorporated with the public sentiment of the United States. No means will be left unemployed on my part to promote these salutary feelings, and those improvements of which the commercial intercourse between the two countries is susceptible, and which have derived increased importance from our treaty with the Sublime Porte.

I sincerely regret to inform you that our Minister lately commissioned to that court, on whose distinguished talents and great experience in public affairs I place great reliance, has been compelled by extreme indisposition to exercise a privilege, which, in consideration of the extent to which his constitution had been impaired in the public service, was committed to his discretion—of leaving temporarily his post for the advantage of a more genial climate.

If, as it is to be hoped, the improvement of his health should be such as to justify him in doing so, he will repair to St. Petersburg, and resume the discharge of his official duties. I have received the most satisfactory assurances that, in the mean time, the public interest in that quarter will be preserved from prejudice, by the intercourse which he will continue, through the Secretary of Legation, with the Russian cabinet.

You are apprised, although the fact has not yet been officially announced to the House of Representatives, that a treaty was, in the month of March last, concluded between the United States and Denmark, by which \$650,000 are secured to our citizens as an indemnity for spoliation upon their commerce in the years 1808, 1809, 1810, and 1811. This treaty was sanctioned by the Senate at the close of its last session, and it now becomes the duty of Congress to pass the necessary laws for the organization of the Board of Commissioners to distribute the indemnity among the claimants. It is an agreeable circumstance in this adjustment, that the terms are in conformity with the previously ascertained views of the claimants themselves; thus removing all pretence for a future agitation of the subject in any form.

The negotiations in regard to such points in our foreign relations as remain to be adjusted, have been actively prosecuted during the recess. Material advances have been made, which are of a character to promise favorable results. Our country, by the blessing of God, is not in a situation to invite aggression; and it will be our fault if she ever becomes so. Sincerely desirous to cultivate the most liberal and friendly relations with all; ever ready to fulfil our engagements with scrupulous fidelity; limiting our demands upon others to mere justice; holding ourselves ever ready to do unto them as we would wish to be done by; and avoiding even the appearance of undue partiality to any nation, it appears to me impossible that a simple and sincere application of our principles to our foreign relations can fail to place them ultimately upon the footing on which it is our wish they should rest.

Of the points referred to, the most prominent are, our claims upon France for spoliation upon our commerce; similar claims upon Spain, together with embarrassments in the commercial intercourse between the two countries, which ought to be removed; the conclusion of the treaty of commerce and navigation with Mexico, which has been so long in suspense, as well as the final settlement of limits between ourselves and that republic; and, finally, the arbitrament of the question between the United States and Great Britain in regard to the northeastern boundary.

The negotiation with France has been conducted by our Minister with

zeal and ability, and in all respects to my entire satisfaction. Although the prospect of a favorable termination was occasionally dimmed by counter pretensions, to which the United States could not assent, he yet had strong hopes of being able to arrive at a satisfactory settlement with the late Government. The negotiation has been renewed with the present authorities; and, sensible of the general and lively confidence of our citizens in the justice and magnanimity of regenerated France, I regret the more not to have it in my power, yet, to announce the result so confidently anticipated. No ground, however, inconsistent with this expectation, has yet been taken; and I do not allow myself to doubt that justice will soon be done us. The amount of the claims, the length of time they have remained unsatisfied, and their incontrovertible justice, make an earnest prosecution of them by this Government an urgent duty. The illegality of the seizures and confiscations out of which they have arisen is not disputed; and whatever distinctions may have heretofore been set up in regard to the liability of the existing Government, it is quite clear that such considerations cannot now be interposed.

The commercial intercourse between the two countries is susceptible of highly advantageous improvements; but the sense of this injury has had, and must continue to have, a very unfavorable influence upon them. From its satisfactory adjustment, not only a firm and cordial friendship, but a progressive development of all their relations, may be expected. It is, therefore, my earnest hope that this old and vexatious subject of difference may be speedily removed.

I feel that my confidence in our appeal to the motives which should govern a just and magnanimous nation, is alike warranted by the character of the French people, and by the high voucher we possess for the enlarged views and pure integrity of the monarch who now presides over their councils; and nothing shall be wanting on my part to meet any manifestation of the spirit we anticipate in one of corresponding frankness and liberality.

The subjects of difference with Spain have been brought to the view of that Government, by our Minister there, with much force and propriety; and the strongest assurances have been received of their early and favorable consideration.

The steps which remained to place the matter in controversy between Great Britain and the United States fairly before the arbitrator, have all been taken in the same liberal and friendly spirit which characterised those before announced. Recent events have doubtless served to delay the decision, but our Minister at the court of the distinguished arbitrator has been assured that it will be made within the time contemplated by the treaty.

I am particularly gratified in being able to state that a decidedly favorable, and, as I hope, lasting change has been effected in our relations with the neighboring republic of Mexico. The unfortunate and unfounded suspicions in regard to our disposition, which it became my painful duty to advert to on a former occasion, have been, I believe, entirely removed; and the Government of Mexico has been made to understand the real character of the wishes and views of this in regard to that country. The consequence is, the establishment of friendship and mutual confidence. Such are the assurances I have received, and I see no cause to doubt their sincerity.

I had reason to expect the conclusion of a commercial treaty with Mexico in season for communication on the present occasion. Circumstances

which are not explained, but which, I am persuaded, are not the result of an indisposition on her part to enter into it, have produced the delay.

There was reason to fear, in the course of the last summer, that the harmony of our relations might be disturbed by the acts of certain claimants, under Mexican grants, of territory which had hitherto been under our jurisdiction. The co-operation of the representative of Mexico near this Government was asked on the occasion, and was readily afforded. Instructions and advice have been given to the Governor of Arkansas and the officers in command in the adjoining Mexican State, by which, it is hoped, the quiet of that frontier will be preserved, until a final settlement of the dividing line shall have removed all ground of controversy.

The exchange of ratifications of the treaty concluded last year with Austria has not yet taken place. The delay has been occasioned by the non-arrival of the ratification of that Government within the time prescribed by the treaty. Renewed authority has been asked for by the representative of Austria; and, in the mean time, the rapidly increasing trade and navigation between the two countries have been placed upon the most liberal footing of our navigation acts.

Several alleged depredations have been recently committed on our commerce by the national vessels of Portugal. They have been made the subject of immediate remonstrance and reclamation. I am not yet possessed of sufficient information to express a definitive opinion of their character, but expect soon to receive it. No proper means shall be omitted to obtain for our citizens all the redress to which they may appear to be entitled.

Almost at the moment of the adjournment of your last session, two bills, the one entitled "An act for making appropriations for building light-houses, light-boats, beacons, and monuments, placing buoys, and for improving harbors and directing surveys," and the other, "An act to authorize a subscription for stock in the Louisville and Portland Canal Company," were submitted for my approval. It was not possible, within the time allowed me, before the close of the session, to give to these bills the consideration which was due to their character and importance; and I was compelled to retain them for that purpose. I now avail myself of this early opportunity to return them to the Houses in which they respectively originated, with the reasons which, after mature deliberation, compel me to withhold my approval.

The practice of defraying out of the Treasury of the United States the expenses incurred by the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, within the bays, inlets, harbors, and ports of the United States, to render the navigation thereof safe and easy, is coeval with the adoption of the Constitution, and has been continued without interruption or dispute.

As our foreign commerce increased, and was extended into the interior of the country by the establishment of ports of entry and delivery upon our navigable rivers, the sphere of those expenditures received a corresponding enlargement. Light-houses, beacons, buoys, public piers, and the removal of sand-bars, sawyers, and other partial or temporary impediments in the navigable rivers and harbors which were embraced in the revenue districts from time to time established by law, were authorised upon the same principle, and the expense defrayed in the same manner. That these expenses have at times been extravagant and disproportionate, is very probable. The circumstances under which they are incurred are well calculated to lead to



such a result, unless their application is subjected to the closest scrutiny. The local advantages arising from the disbursement of public money too frequently, it is to be feared, invite appropriations for objects of this character that are neither necessary nor useful. The number of light-house keepers is already very large, and the bill before me proposes to add to it fifty-one more, of various descriptions. From representations upon the subject which are understood to be entitled to respect, I am induced to believe that there has not only been great improvidence in the past expenditures of the Government upon these objects, but that the security of navigation has, in some instances, been diminished by the multiplication of light-houses, and consequent change of lights, upon the coast. It is in this, as in other respects, our duty to avoid all unnecessary expense, as well as every increase of patronage not called for by the public service. But, in the discharge of that duty in this particular, it must not be forgotten that, in relation to our foreign commerce, the burden and benefit of protecting and accommodating it necessarily go together, and must do so as long as the public revenue is drawn from the people through the custom-house. It is indisputable, that whatever gives facility and security to navigation, cheapens imports; and all who consume them are alike interested in whatever produces this effect. If they consume, they ought, as they now do, to pay; otherwise, they do not pay. The consumer in the most inland State derives the same advantage from every necessary and prudent expenditure for the facility and security of our foreign commerce and navigation, that he does who resides in a maritime State. Local expenditures have not, of themselves, a correspondent operation.

From a bill making *direct* appropriations for such objects, I should not have withheld my assent. The one now returned does so in several particulars, but it also contains appropriations for surveys of a local character, which I cannot approve. It gives me satisfaction to find that no serious inconvenience has arisen from withholding my approval from this bill; nor will it, I trust, be cause of regret that an opportunity will be thereby afforded for Congress to review its provisions under circumstances better calculated for full investigation than those under which it was passed.

In speaking of direct appropriations, I mean not to include a practice which has obtained to some extent, and to which I have, in one instance, in a different capacity, given my assent—that of subscribing to the stock of private associations. Positive experience, and a more thorough consideration of the subject, have convinced me of the impropriety as well as inexpediency of such investments. All improvements effected by the funds of the nation for general use should be open to the enjoyment of all our fellow-citizens, exempt from the payment of tolls, or any imposition of that character. The practice of thus mingling the concerns of the Government with those of the States or of individuals, is inconsistent with the object of its institution, and highly impolitic. The successful operation of the federal system can only be preserved by confining it to the few and simple, but yet important objects for which it was designed.

A different practice, if allowed to progress, would ultimately change the character of this Government, by consolidating into one the General and State Governments, which were intended to be kept forever distinct. I cannot perceive how bills authorizing such subscriptions can be otherwise regarded than as bills for revenue, and consequently subject to the rule in that respect prescribed by the Constitution. If the interest of the Govern-

ment in private companies is subordinate to that of individuals, the management and control of a portion of the public funds is delegated to an authority unknown to the Constitution, and beyond the supervision of our constituents: if superior, its officers and agents will be constantly exposed to imputations of favoritism and oppression. Direct prejudice to the public interest, or an alienation of the affections and respect of portions of the people, may, therefore, in addition to the general discredit resulting to the Government from embarking with its constituents in pecuniary stipulations, be looked for as the probable fruit of such associations. It is no answer to this objection to say that the extent of consequences like these cannot be great from a limited and small number of investments: because experience in other matters teaches us, and we are not at liberty to disregard its admonitions, that, unless an entire stop be put to them, it will soon be impossible to prevent their accumulation, until they are spread over the whole country, and made to embrace many of the private and appropriate concerns of individuals.

The power which the General Government would acquire within the several States by becoming the principal stockholder in corporations, controlling every canal and each sixty or hundred miles of every important road, and giving a proportionate vote in all their elections, is almost inconceivable, and, in my view, dangerous to the liberties of the people.

This mode of aiding such works is, also, in its nature, deceptive, and in many cases conducive to improvidence in the administration of the national funds. Appropriations will be obtained with much greater facility, and granted with less security to the public interest, when the measure is thus disguised, than when definite and direct expenditures of money are asked for. The interests of the nation would doubtless be better served by avoiding all such indirect modes of aiding particular objects. In a Government like ours, more especially, should all public acts be, as far as practicable, simple, undisguised, and intelligible, that they may become fit subjects for the approbation or animadversion of the people. The bill authorizing a subscription to the Louisville and Portland canal affords a striking illustration of the difficulty of withholding additional appropriations for the same object, when the first erroneous step has been taken by instituting a partnership between the Government and private companies. It proposes a third subscription on the part of the United States, when each preceding one was at the same time regarded as the extent of the aid which Government was to render to that work; and the accompanying bill for light-houses, &c. contains an appropriation for a survey of the bed of the river, with a view to its improvement, by removing the obstruction which the canal is designed to avoid. This improvement, if successful, would afford a free passage of the river, and render the canal entirely useless. To such improvidence is the course of legislation subject, in relation to internal improvements on local matters, even with the best intentions on the part of Congress.

Although the motives which have influenced me in this matter may be already sufficiently stated, I am, nevertheless, induced by its importance to add a few observations of a general character.

In my objections to the bills authorizing subscriptions to the Maysville and Rockville Road Companies, I expressed my views fully in regard to the power of Congress to construct roads and canals within a State, or to appropriate money for improvements of a local character. I, at the same time, intimated my belief that the right to make appropriations for such

were of a national character had been so generally acted upon, and so long acquiesced in by the Federal and State Governments, and the constituents of each, as to justify its exercise on the ground of continued and uninterrupted usage; but that it was, nevertheless, highly expedient that appropriations, even of that character, should, with the exception made at the time, be deferred until the national debt is paid, and that, in the mean while, some general rule for the action of the Government in that respect ought to be established.

These suggestions were not necessary to the decision of the question then before me; and were, I readily admit, intended to awake the attention, and draw forth the opinions and observations, of our constituents, upon a subject of the highest importance to their interests, and one destined to exert a powerful influence upon the future operations of our political system. I know of no tribunal to which a public man in this country, in a case of doubt and difficulty, can appeal with greater advantage or more propriety than the judgment of the people; and although I must necessarily, in the discharge of my official duties, be governed by the dictates of my own judgment, I have no desire to conceal my anxious wish to conform, as far as I can, to the views of those for whom I act.

All irregular expressions of public opinion are of necessity attended with some doubt as to their accuracy; but, making full allowances on that account, I cannot, I think, deceive myself in believing that the acts referred to, as well as the suggestions which I allowed myself to make in relation to their bearing upon the future operations of the Government, have been approved by the great body of the people. That those whose immediate pecuniary interests are to be affected by proposed expenditures should shrink from the application of a rule which prefers their more general and remote interests to those which are personal and immediate, is to be expected. But even such objections must, from the nature of our population, be but temporary in their duration; and if it were otherwise, our course should be the same; for the time is yet, I hope, far distant, when those entrusted with power to be exercised for the good of the whole, will consider it either honest or wise to purchase local favors at the sacrifice of principle and general good.

So understanding public sentiment, and thoroughly satisfied that the best interests of our common country imperiously require that the course which I have recommended in this regard should be adopted, I have, upon the most mature consideration, determined to pursue it.

It is due to candor, as well as to my own feelings, that I should express the reluctance and anxiety which I must at all times experience in exercising the undoubted right of the Executive to withhold his assent from bills on other grounds than their constitutionality. That this right should not be exercised on slight occasions, all will admit. It is only in matters of deep interest, when the principle involved may be justly regarded as next in importance to infractions of the Constitution itself, that such a step can be expected to meet with the approbation of the people. Such an occasion do I conscientiously believe the present to be. In the discharge of this delicate and highly responsible duty, I am sustained by the reflection that the exercise of this power has been deemed consistent with the obligation of official duty by several of my predecessors; and by the persuasion, too, that, whatever liberal institutions may have to fear from the encroachments of Executive power, which has been every where the cause of so much strife and bloody contention, but little danger is to be apprehended from a precedent

by which that authority denies to itself the exercise of powers that bring in their train influence and patronage of great extent; and thus excludes the operation of personal interests, every where the bane of official trust. I derive, too, no small degree of satisfaction from the reflection, that, if I have mistaken the interests and wishes of the people, the Constitution affords the means of soon redressing the error, by selecting for the place their favor has bestowed upon me a citizen whose opinions may accord with their own. I trust, in the mean time, the interests of the nation will be saved from prejudice, by a rigid application of that portion of the public funds which might otherwise be applied to different objects to that highest of all our obligations, the payment of the public debt, and an opportunity be afforded for the adoption of some better rule, for the operations of the Government in this matter, than any which has hitherto been acted upon.

Profoundly impressed with the importance of the subject, not merely as relates to the general prosperity of the country, but to the safety of the federal system; I cannot avoid repeating my earnest hope that all good citizens, who take a proper interest in the success and harmony of our admirable political institutions, and who are incapable of desiring to convert an opposite state of things into means for the gratification of personal ambition—will, laying aside minor considerations, and discarding local prejudices, unite their honest exertions to establish some fixed general principle, which shall be calculated to effect the greatest extent of public good in regard to the subject of internal improvement, and afford the least ground for sectional discontent.

The general grounds of my objection to local appropriations have been heretofore expressed; and I shall endeavor to avoid a repetition of what has been already urged—the importance of sustaining the State sovereignties, as far as is consistent with the rightful action of the Federal Government, and of preserving the greatest attainable harmony between them. I will now only add an expression of my conviction—a conviction which every day's experience serves to confirm—that the political creed which inculcates the pursuit of those great objects as a paramount duty is the true faith, and one to which we are mainly indebted for the present success of the entire system; and to which we must alone look for its future stability.

That there are diversities in the interests of the different States which compose this extensive confederacy, must be admitted. Those diversities, arising from situation, climate, population, and pursuits, are doubtless, as it is natural they should be, greatly exaggerated by jealousies, and that spirit of rivalry so inseparable from neighboring communities. These circumstances make it the duty of those who are entrusted with the management of its affairs to neutralize their effects as far as practicable, by making the beneficial operation of the Federal Government as equal and equitable among the several States as can be done consistently with the great ends of its institution.

It is only necessary to refer to undoubted facts, to see how far the past acts of the Government upon the subject under consideration have fallen short of this object. The expenditures heretofore made for internal improvements amount to upwards of five millions of dollars, and have been distributed in very unequal proportions amongst the States. The estimated expense of works, of which surveys have been made, together with that of others projected and partially surveyed, amount to more than ninety-six millions of dollars,

That such improvements, on account of particular circumstances, may be more advantageously and beneficially made in some States than in others, is doubtless true; but that they are of a character which should prevent an equitable distribution of the funds amongst the several States, is not to be conceded. The want of this equitable distribution cannot fail to prove a prolific source of irritation among the States.

We have it constantly before our eyes, that professions of superior zeal in the cause of internal improvement, and a disposition to lavish the public funds upon objects of this character, are daily and earnestly put forth by aspirants to power, as constituting the highest claims to the confidence of the people. Would it be strange, under such circumstances, and in times of great excitement, that grants of this description should find their motives in objects which may not accord with the public good? Those who have not had occasion to tee and regret the indication of a sinister influence in these matters in past times, have been more fortunate than myself in their observation of the course of public affairs. If to these evils be added the combinations and angry contentions to which such a course of things gives rise, with their baleful influences upon the legislation of Congress touching the leading and appropriate duties of the Federal Government, it was but doing justice to the character of our people to expect the severe condemnation of the past which the recent exhibitions of public sentiment has evinced.

Nothing short of a radical change in the action of the Government upon the subject can, in my opinion, remedy the evil. If, as it would be natural to expect, the States which have been least favored in past appropriations should insist on being redressed in those hereafter to be made, at the expense of the States which have so largely and disproportionately participated, we have, as matters now stand, but little security that the attempt would do more than change the inequality from one quarter to another.

Thus viewing the subject, I have heretofore felt it my duty to recommend the adoption of some plan for the distribution of the surplus funds which may at any time remain in the treasury after the national debt shall have been paid, among the States, in proportion to the number of their representatives, to be applied by them to objects of internal improvement.

Although this plan has met with favor in some portions of the Union, it has also elicited objections which merit deliberate consideration. A brief notice of these objections here will not, therefore, I trust, be regarded as out of place.

They rest, as far as they have come to my knowledge, on the following grounds: 1st, an objection to the ratio of distribution; 2d, an apprehension that the existence of such a regulation would produce improvident and oppressive taxation to raise the funds for distribution; 3d, that the mode proposed would lead to the construction of works of a local nature, to the exclusion of such as are general, and as would consequently be of a more useful character; and, last, that it would create a discreditable and injurious dependence, on the part of the State Governments, upon the federal power. Of those who object to the ratio of representation as the basis of distribution, some insist that the importations of the respective States would constitute one that would be more equitable; and others, again, that the extent of their respective territories would furnish a standard which would be more expedient, and sufficiently equitable. The ratio of representation presented itself to my mind, and it still does, as one of obvious equity, because of its being the ratio of contribution, whether the funds to be distributed be derived from

the customs or from direct taxation. It does not follow, however, that its adoption is indispensable to the establishment of the system proposed. There may be considerations appertaining to the subject which would render a departure, to some extent, from the rule of contribution, proper. Nor is it absolutely necessary that the basis of distribution be confined to one ground. It may, if, in the judgment of those whose right it is to fix it, it be deemed politic and just to give it that character, have regard to several.

In my first message, I stated it to be my opinion that "it is not probable that any adjustment of the tariff upon principles satisfactory to the people of the Union, will, until a remote period, if ever, leave the Government without a considerable surplus in the treasury beyond what may be required for its current service." I have had no cause to change that opinion, but much to confirm it. Should these expectations be realized, a suitable fund would thus be produced for the plan under consideration to operate upon; and if there be no such fund, its adoption will, in my opinion, work no injury to any interest; for I cannot assent to the justness of the apprehension that the establishment of the proposed system would tend to the encouragement of improvident legislation of the character supposed. Whatever the proper authority, in the exercise of constitutional power, shall, at any time hereafter, decide to be for the general good, will, in that as in other respects, deserve and receive the acquiescence and support of the whole country; and we have ample security that every abuse of power in that regard, by agents of the people, will receive a speedy and effectual corrective at their hands. The views which I take of the future, founded on the obvious and increasing improvement of all classes of our fellow-citizens, in intelligence, and in public and private virtue, leave me without much apprehension on that head.

I do not doubt that those who come after us will be as much alive as we are to the obligation upon all the trustees of political power to exempt those for whom they act from all unnecessary burthens; and as sensible of the great truth, that the resources of the nation, beyond those required for immediate and necessary purposes of Government, can no where be so well deposited as in the pockets of the people.

It may sometimes happen that the interests of particular States would not be deemed to coincide with the general interest in relation to improvements within such States. But, if the danger to be apprehended from this source is sufficient to require it, a discretion might be reserved to Congress to direct, to such improvements of a general character as the States concerned might not be disposed to unite in, the application of the quotas of those States, under the restriction of confining to each State the expenditure of its appropriate quota. It may, however, be assumed as a safe, general rule, that such improvements as serve to increase the prosperity of the respective States in which they are made, by giving new facilities to trade, and thereby augmenting the wealth and comfort of their inhabitants, constitute the surest mode of conferring permanent and substantial advantages upon the whole. The strength, as well as the true glory, of the confederacy is founded on the prosperity and power of the several independent sovereignties of which it is composed, and the certainty with which they can be brought into successful, active co-operation, through the agency of the Federal Government.

It is, moreover, within the knowledge of such as are at all conversant with public affairs, that schemes of internal improvement have, from time

to time, been proposed, which, from their extent and seeming magnificence, were readily regarded as of national concernment; but which, upon fuller consideration and further experience, would now be rejected with great unanimity.

That the plan under consideration would derive important advantages from its certainty; and that the moneys set apart for these purposes would be more judiciously applied and economically expended under the direction of the State Legislatures, in which every part of each State is immediately represented, cannot, I think, be doubted. In the new States particularly, where a comparatively small population is scattered over an extensive surface, and the representation in Congress consequently very limited, it is natural to expect that the appropriations made by the Federal Government would be more likely to be expended in the vicinity of those members through whose immediate agency they were obtained, than if the funds were placed under the control of the Legislature, in which every county of the State has its own representative. This supposition does not necessarily impugn the motives of such congressional representatives, nor is it so intended. We are all sensible of the bias to which the strongest minds and purest hearts are, under such circumstances, liable. In respect to the last objection, its probable effect upon the dignity and independence of State Governments, it appears to me only necessary to state the case as it is, and as it would be if the measure proposed were adopted, to show that the operation is most likely to be the very reverse of that which the objection supposes.

In the one case, the State would receive its quota of the national revenue for domestic use upon a fixed principle, as a matter of right, and from a fund to the creation of which it had itself contributed its fair proportion. Surely there could be nothing derogatory in that. As matters now stand, the States themselves, in their sovereign character, are not unfrequently petitioners at the bar of the Federal Legislature, for such allowances out of the national treasury as it may comport with their pleasure or sense of duty to bestow upon them. It cannot require argument to prove which of the two courses is most compatible with the efficiency or respectability of the State Governments.

But all these are matters for discussion and dispassionate consideration. That the desired adjustment would be attended with difficulty, affords no reason why it should not be attempted. The effective operation of such motives would have prevented the adoption of the Constitution under which we have so long lived, and under the benign influence of which our beloved country has so signally prospered. The framers of that sacred instrument had greater difficulties to overcome; and they did overcome them. The patriotism of the people, directed by a deep conviction of the importance of the Union, produced mutual concession and reciprocal forbearance. Strict right was merged in a spirit of compromise, and the result has consecrated their disinterested devotion to the general weal. Unless the American people have degenerated, the same result can be again effected, whenever experience points out the necessity of a resort to the same means to uphold the fabric which their fathers have reared. It is beyond the power of man to make a system of government like ours, or any other, operate with precise equality upon States situated like those which compose this confederacy; nor is inequality always injustice. Every State cannot expect to shape the measures of the General Government to suit its own particular interests. The

causes which prevent it are seated in the nature of things, and cannot be entirely counteracted by human means. Mutual forbearance becomes, therefore, a duty obligatory upon all; and we may, I am confident, count upon a cheerful compliance with this high injunction, on the part of our constituents. It is not to be supposed, that they will object to make such comparatively inconsiderable sacrifices for the preservation of rights and privileges, which other less favored portions of the world have in vain waded through seas of blood to acquire.

Our course is a safe one, if it be but faithfully adhered to. Acquiescence in the constitutionally expressed will of the majority, and the exercise of that will in a spirit of moderation, justice, and brotherly kindness, will constitute a cement which would forever preserve our Union. Those who cherish and inculcate sentiments like these render a most essential service to their country; while those who seek to weaken their influence, are, however conscientious and praiseworthy their intentions, in effect its worst enemies.

If the intelligence and influence of the country, instead of laboring to foment sectional prejudices, to be made subservient to party warfare, were, in good faith, applied to the eradication of causes of local discontent, by the improvement of our institutions, and by facilitating their adaptation to the condition of the times, this task would prove one of less difficulty. May we not hope that the obvious interests of our common country, and the dictates of an enlightened patriotism, will, in the end, lead the public mind in that direction.

After all, the nature of the subject does not admit of a plan wholly free from objection. That which has for some time been in operation, is, perhaps, the worst that could exist; and every advance that can be made in its improvement is a matter eminently worthy of your most deliberate attention.

It is very possible that one better calculated to effect the objects in view may yet be devised. If so it is to be hoped that those who disapprove the past, and dissent from what is proposed for the future, will feel it their duty to direct their attention to it, as they must be sensible that, unless some fixed rule for the action of the Federal Government in this respect is established, the course now attempted to be arrested will be again resorted to. Any mode which is calculated to give the greatest degree of effect and harmony to our legislation upon the subject—which shall best serve to keep the movements of the Federal Government within the sphere intended by those who modelled and those who adopted it—which shall lead to the extinguishment of the national debt in the shortest period, and impose the lightest burthens upon our constituents, shall receive from me a cordial and firm support.

Among the objects of great national concern, I cannot omit to press again upon your attention that part of the Constitution which regulates the election of President and Vice President. The necessity for its amendment is made so clear to my mind by observation of its evils, and by the many able discussions which they have elicited on the floor of Congress and elsewhere, that I should be wanting to my duty were I to withhold another expression of my deep solicitude on the subject. Our system fortunately contemplates a recurrence to first principles, differing, in this respect, from all that have preceded it, and securing it, I trust, equally against the decay and the commotions which have marked the progress of other Governments. Our fellow-citizens, too, who, in proportion to their love of liberty, keep a steady



eye upon the means of sustaining it, do not require to be reminded of the duty they owe to themselves to remedy all essential defects in so vital a part of their system. While they are sensible that every evil attendant upon its operation is not necessarily indicative of a bad organization, but may proceed from temporary causes; yet the habitual presence, or even a single instance of evils which can be clearly traced to an organic defect, will not, I trust, be overlooked through a too scrupulous veneration for the work of their ancestors. The Constitution was an experiment committed to the virtue and intelligence of the great mass of our countrymen, in whose ranks the framers of it themselves were to perform the part of patriotic observation and scrutiny; and if they have passed from the stage of existence with an increased confidence in its general adaptation to our condition, we should learn from authority so high the duty of fortifying the points in it which time proves to be exposed, rather than be deterred from approaching them by the suggestions of fear, or the dictates of misplaced reverence.

A provision which does not secure to the people a direct choice of their Chief Magistrate, but has a tendency to defeat their will, presented to my mind such an inconsistency with the general spirit of our institutions, that I was induced to suggest for your consideration the substitute which appeared to me, at the same time, the most likely to correct the evil and to meet the views of our constituents. The most mature reflection since has added strength to the belief that the best interests of our country require the speedy adoption of some plan calculated to effect this end. A contingency which sometimes places it in the power of a single member of the House of Representatives to decide an election of so high and solemn a character, is unjust to the people; and becomes, when it occurs, a source of embarrassment to the individuals thus brought into power, and a cause of distrust of the representative body. Liable as the confederacy is, from its great extent, to parties founded upon sectional interests, and to a corresponding multiplication of candidates for the Presidency, the tendency of the constitutional reference to the House of Representatives, is, to devolve the election upon that body in almost every instance; and, whatever choice may then be made among the candidates thus presented to them, to swell the influence of particular interests to a degree inconsistent with the general good. The consequences of this feature of the Constitution appear far more threatening to the peace and integrity of the Union, than any which I can conceive as likely to result from the simple legislative action of the Federal Government.

It was a leading object with the framers of the Constitution to keep as separate as possible the action of the Legislative and Executive branches of the Government. To secure this object, nothing is more essential than to preserve the former from all temptations of private interest, and, therefore, so to direct the patronage of the latter as not to permit such temptations to be offered. Experience abundantly demonstrates that every precaution in this respect is a valuable safeguard of liberty, and one which my reflections upon the tendencies of our system incline me to think should be made still stronger. It was for this reason, that, in connexion with an amendment of the Constitution, removing all intermediate agency in the choice of the President, I recommended some restrictions upon the re-eligibility of that officer, and upon the tenure of offices generally. The reason still exists; and I renew the recommendation, with an increased confidence that its adoption will strengthen those checks by which the Constitution designed to secure the independence of each department of the Government, and promote the

healthful and equitable administration of all the trusts which it has created. The agent most likely to contravene this design of the Constitution is the Chief Magistrate. In order, particularly, that his appointment may, as far as possible, be placed beyond the reach of any improper influences; in order that he may approach the solemn responsibilities of the highest office in the gift of a free people, uncommitted to any other course than the strict line of constitutional duty; and that the securities for this independence may be rendered as strong as the nature of power, and the weakness of its possessor, will admit; I cannot too earnestly invite your attention to the propriety of promoting such an amendment of the Constitution as will render him ineligible after one term of service.

It gives me pleasure to announce to Congress that the benevolent policy of the Government, steadily pursued for nearly thirty years, in relation to the removal of the Indians beyond the white settlements, is approaching to a happy consummation. Two important tribes have accepted the provision made for their removal at the last session of Congress; and it is believed that their example will induce the remaining tribes, also, to seek the same obvious advantages.

The consequences of a speedy removal will be important to the United States, to individual States, and to the Indians themselves. The pecuniary advantages which it promises to the Government are the least of its recommendations. It puts an end to all possible danger of collision between the authorities of the General and State Governments, on account of the Indians. It will place a dense and civilized population in large tracts of country now occupied by a few savage hunters. By opening the whole territory between Tennessee on the north, and Louisiana on the south, to the settlements of the whites, it will incalculably strengthen the southwestern frontier, and render the adjacent States strong enough to repel future invasion without remote aid. It will relieve the whole State of Mississippi, and the western part of Alabama, of Indian occupancy, and enable those States to advance rapidly in population, wealth, and power. It will separate the Indians from immediate contact with settlements of whites; free them from the power of the States; enable them to pursue happiness in their own way, and under their own rude institutions; will retard the progress of decay, which is lessening their numbers; and perhaps cause them gradually, under the protection of the Government, and through the influence of good counsels, to cast off their savage habits, and become an interesting, civilized, and Christian community. These consequences, some of them so certain, and the rest so probable, make the complete execution of the plan sanctioned by Congress at their last session an object of much solicitude.

Towards the aborigines of the country no one can indulge a more friendly feeling than myself, or would go further in attempting to reclaim them from their wandering habits, and make them a happy, prosperous people. I have endeavored to impress upon them my own solemn convictions of the duties and powers of the General Government in relation to the State authorities. For the justice of the laws passed by the States within the scope of their reserved powers, they are not responsible to this Government. As individuals, we may entertain and express our opinions of their acts; but, as a Government, we have as little right to control them as we have to prescribe laws for other nations.

With a full understanding of the subject, the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes have, with great unanimity, determined to avail themselves of the liberal offers presented by the act of Congress, and have agreed to remove beyond the Mississippi river. Treaties have been made with them, which, in due season, will be submitted for consideration. In negotiating these treaties, they were made to understand their true condition; and they have preferred maintaining their independence in the western forests to submitting to the laws of the States in which they now reside. These treaties being probably the last which will ever be made with them, are characterized by great liberality on the part of the Government. They give the Indians a liberal sum in consideration of their removal, and comfortable subsistence on their arrival at their new homes. If it be their real interest to maintain a separate existence, they will there be at liberty to do so without the inconveniences and vexations to which they would unavoidably have been subject in Alabama and Mississippi.

Humanity has often wept over the fate of the aborigines of this country; and philanthropy has been long busily employed in devising means to avert it. But its progress has never for a moment been arrested; and, one by one, have many powerful tribes disappeared from the earth. To follow to the tomb the last of his race, and to tread on the graves of extinct nations, excite melancholy reflections. But true philanthropy reconciles the mind to these vicissitudes, as it does to the extinction of one generation to make room for another. In the monuments and fortresses of an unknown people, spread over the extensive regions of the west, we behold the memorials of a once powerful race, which was exterminated, or has disappeared, to make room for the existing savage tribes. Nor is there any thing in this, which, upon a comprehensive view of the general interests of the human race, is to be regretted. Philanthropy could not wish to see this continent restored to the condition in which it was found by our forefathers. What good man would prefer a country covered with forests and ranged by a few thousand savages, to our extensive republic, studded with cities, towns, and prosperous farms; embellished with all the improvements which art can devise, or industry execute; occupied by more than twelve millions of happy people, and filled with all the blessings of liberty, civilization, and religion!

The present policy of the Government is but a continuation of the same progressive change, by a milder process. The tribes which occupied the countries now constituting the eastern States, were annihilated, or have melted away, to make room for the whites. The waves of population and civilization are rolling to the westward; and we now propose to acquire the countries occupied by the red men of the south and west by a fair exchange, and, at the expense of the United States, to send them to a land where their existence may be prolonged, and perhaps made perpetual. Doubtless it will be painful to leave the graves of their fathers; but what do they more than our ancestors did, or than our children are now doing? To better their condition in an unknown land, our forefathers left all that was dear in earthly objects. Our children, by thousands, yearly leave the land of their birth, to seek new homes in distant regions. Does humanity weep at these painful separations from every thing, animate and inanimate, with which the young heart has become entwined? Far from it. It is rather a source of joy that our country affords scope where our young population may range unconstrained in body or in mind, developing the power and faculties of man in their highest perfection. These remove hundreds, and almost thousands

of miles, at their own expense, purchase the lands they occupy, and support themselves at their new homes from the moment of their arrival. Can it be cruel in this Government, when, by events which it cannot control, the Indian is made discontented in his ancient home, to purchase his lands, to give him a new and extensive territory, to pay the expense of his removal, and support him a year in his new abode? How many thousands of our own people would gladly embrace the opportunity of removing to the west on such conditions! If the offers made to the Indians were extended to them, they would be hailed with gratitude and joy.

And is it supposed that the wandering savage has a stronger attachment to his home, than the settled, civilized Christian? Is it more afflicting to him to leave the graves of his fathers, than it is to our brothers and children? Rightly considered, the policy of the General Government towards the red man is not only liberal but generous. He is unwilling to submit to the laws of the States, and mingle with their population. To save him from this alternative, or perhaps utter annihilation, the General Government kindly offers him a new home, and proposes to pay the whole expense of his removal and settlement.

In the consummation of a policy originating at an early period, and steadily pursued by every administration within the present century—so just to the States, and so generous to the Indians, the Executive feels it has a right to expect the co-operation of Congress, and of all good and disinterested men. The States, moreover, have a right to demand it. It was substantially a part of the compact which made them members of our confederacy. With Georgia, there is an express contract; with the new States, an implied one, of equal obligation. Why, in authorizing Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, and Alabama, to form constitutions, and become separate States, did Congress include within their limits extensive tracts of Indian lands, and, in some instances, powerful Indian tribes? Was it not understood by both parties that the power of the States was to be co-extensive with their limits, and that, with all convenient despatch, the General Government should extinguish the Indian title, and remove every obstruction to the complete jurisdiction of the State Governments over the soil? Probably not one of those States would have accepted a separate existence—certainly it would never have been granted by Congress—had it been understood that they were to be confined forever to those small portions of their nominal territory, the Indian title to which had at the time been extinguished.

It is, therefore, a duty which this Government owes to the new States, to extinguish, as soon as possible, the Indian title to all lands which Congress themselves have included within their limits. When this is done, the duties of the General Government in relation to the States and the Indians within their limits are at an end. The Indians may leave the State or not, as they choose. The purchase of their lands does not alter, in the least, their personal relations with the State Government. No act of the General Government has ever been deemed necessary to give the States jurisdiction over the persons of the Indians. That they possess, by virtue of their sovereign power within their own limits, in as full a manner before as after the purchase of the Indian lands; nor can this Government add to or diminish it.

May we not hope, therefore, that all good citizens, and none more zealously than those who think the Indians oppressed by subjection to the laws of the States, will unite in attempting to open the eyes of those children of the forest to their true condition, and, by a speedy removal, to relieve them

from all the evils, real or imaginary, present or prospective, with which they may be supposed to be threatened.

Among the numerous causes of congratulation, the condition of our impost revenue deserves special mention, inasmuch as it promises the means of extinguishing the public debt sooner than was anticipated, and furnishes a strong illustration of the practical effects of the present tariff upon our commercial interests.

The object of the tariff is objected to by some as unconstitutional; and it is considered by almost all as defective in many of its parts.

The power to impose duties on imports originally belonged to the several States. The right to adjust those duties with a view to the encouragement of domestic branches of industry is so completely incidental to that power, that it is difficult to suppose the existence of the one without the other. The States have delegated their whole authority over imports to the General Government, without limitation or restriction, saving the very inconsiderable reservation relating to their inspection laws. This authority having thus entirely passed from the States, the right to exercise it for the purpose of protection does not exist in them; and, consequently, if it be not possessed by the General Government, it must be extinct. Our political system would thus present the anomaly of a people stripped of the right to foster their own industry, and to counteract the most selfish and destructive policy which might be adopted by foreign nations. This surely cannot be the case: this indispensable power, thus surrendered by the States, must be within the scope of the authority on the subject expressly delegated to Congress.

In this conclusion, I am confirmed as well by the opinions of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe, who have each repeatedly recommended the exercise of this right under the Constitution, as by the uniform practice of Congress, the continued acquiescence of the States, and the general understanding of the people.

The difficulties of a more expedient adjustment of the present tariff, although great, are far from being insurmountable. Some are unwilling to improve any of its parts, because they would destroy the whole: others fear to touch the objectionable parts, lest those they approve should be jeopardized. I am persuaded that the advocates of these conflicting views do injustice to the American people, and to their Representatives. The general interest is the interest of each: and my confidence is entire, that, to ensure the adoption of such modifications of the tariff as the general interest requires, it is only necessary that that interest should be understood.

It is an infirmity of our nature to mingle our interests and prejudices with the operation of our reasoning powers, and attribute to the objects of our likes and dislikes qualities they do not possess, and effects they cannot produce. The effects of the present tariff are doubtless overrated, both in its evils and in its advantages. By one class of reasoners, the reduced price of cotton and other agricultural products is ascribed wholly to its influence, and by another, the reduced price of manufactured articles. The probability is, that neither opinion approaches the truth, and that both are induced by that influence of interests and prejudices to which I have referred. The decrease of prices extends throughout the commercial world, embracing not only the raw material and the manufactured article, but provisions and lands. The cause must, therefore, be deeper and more pervading than the tariff of the United States. It may, in a measure, be attributable to the in-

creased value of the precious metals, produced by a diminution of the supply, and an increase in the demand; while commerce has rapidly extended itself, and population has augmented. The supply of gold and silver, the general medium of exchange, has been greatly interrupted by civil convulsions in the countries from which they are principally drawn. A part of the effect, too, is doubtless owing to an increase of operatives and improvements in machinery. But, on the whole, it is questionable whether the reduction in the price of lands, produce, and manufactures, has been greater than the appreciation of the standard of value.

While the chief object of duties should be revenue, they may be so adjusted as to encourage manufactures. In this adjustment, however, it is the duty of the Government to be guided by the general good. Objects of national importance alone ought to be protected: of these the productions of our soil, our mines, and our workshops, essential to national defence, occupy the first rank. Whatever other species of domestic industry, having the importance to which I have referred, may be expected, after temporary protection, to compete with foreign labor on equal terms, merit the same attention in a subordinate degree.

The present tariff taxes some of the comforts of life unnecessarily high: it undertakes to protect interests too local and minute to justify a general exaction; and it also attempts to force some kinds of manufactures for which the country is not ripe. Much relief will be derived, in some of these respects, from the measures of your last session.

The best, as well as fairest mode of determining whether, from any just considerations, a particular interest ought to receive protection, would be to submit the question singly for deliberation. If, after due examination of its merits, unconnected with extraneous considerations—such as a desire to sustain a general system, or to purchase support for a different interest—it should enlist in its favor a majority of the Representatives of the people, there can be little danger of wrong or injury in adjusting the tariff with reference to its protective effect. If this obviously just principle were honestly adhered to, the branches of industry which deserve protection would be saved from the prejudice excited against them, when that protection forms part of a system by which portions of the country feel, or conceive themselves to be, oppressed. What is incalculably more important, the vital principle of our system—that principle which requires acquiescence in the will of the majority—would be secure from the discredit and danger to which it is exposed by the acts of majorities, founded, not on identity of conviction, but on combinations of small minorities, entered into for the purpose of mutual assistance in measures which, resting solely on their own merits, could never be carried.

I am well aware that this is a subject of so much delicacy, on account of the extended interests it involves, as to require that it should be touched with the utmost caution; and that, while an abandonment of the policy in which it originated—a policy coeval with our Government, and pursued through successive administrations, is neither to be expected or desired, the people have a right to demand, and have demanded, that it be so modified as to correct abuses and obviate injustice.

That our deliberations on this interesting subject should be uninfluenced by those partizan conflicts that are incident to free institutions, is the fervent wish of my heart. To make this great question, which unhappily so much divides and excites the public mind, subservient to the short-sighted views of

faction, must destroy all hope of settling it satisfactorily to the great body of the people, and for the general interest. I cannot, therefore, in taking leave of the subject, too earnestly for my own feelings or the common good, warn you against the blighting consequences of such a course.

According to the estimates at the Treasury Department, the receipts in the treasury during the present year will amount to twenty-four millions one hundred and sixty-one thousand and eighteen dollars, which will exceed by about three hundred thousand dollars the estimate presented in the last annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury. The total expenditure during the year, exclusive of public debt, is estimated at thirteen millions seven hundred and forty-two thousand three hundred and eleven dollars; and the payment on account of public debt for the same period will have been eleven millions three hundred and fifty-four thousand six hundred and thirty dollars; leaving a balance in the treasury, on the first of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, of four millions eight hundred and nineteen thousand seven hundred and eighty-one dollars.

In connexion with the condition of our finances, it affords me pleasure to remark that judicious and efficient arrangements have been made by the Treasury Department for securing the pecuniary responsibility of the public officers, and the more punctual payment of the public dues. The revenue cutter service has been organized and placed on a good footing, and aided by an increase of inspectors at exposed points; and regulations adopted under the act of May, 1830, for the inspection and appraisement of merchandise, have produced much improvement in the execution of the laws, and more security against the commission of frauds upon the revenue. Abuses in the allowances for fishing bounties have also been corrected, and a material saving in that branch of the service thereby effected. In addition to these improvements, the system of expenditure for sick seamen belonging to the merchant service has been revised; and, being rendered uniform and economical, the benefits of the fund applicable to this object have been usefully extended.

The prosperity of our country is also further evinced by the increased revenue arising from the sale of public lands, as will appear from the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the documents accompanying it, which are herewith transmitted. I beg leave to draw your attention to this report, and to the propriety of making early appropriations for the objects which it specifies.

Your attention is again invited to the subjects connected with that portion of the public interests entrusted to the War Department. Some of them were referred to in my former message; and they are presented in detail in the report of the Secretary of War, herewith submitted. I refer you, also, to the report of that officer for a knowledge of the state of the army, fortifications, arsenals, and Indian affairs; all of which, it will be perceived, have been guarded with zealous attention and care. It is worthy of your consideration whether the armaments necessary for the fortifications on our maritime frontier, which are now, or shortly will be, completed, should not be in readiness sooner than the customary appropriations will enable the Department to provide them. This precaution seems to be due to the general system of fortification which has been sanctioned by Congress, and is recommended by that maxim of wisdom which tells us in peace to prepare for war.

I refer you to the report of the Secretary of the Navy for a highly satisfactory account of the manner in which the concerns of that Department have been conducted during the present year. Our position in relation to the most powerful nations of the earth, and the present condition of Europe, admonish us to cherish this arm of our national defence with peculiar care. Separated by wide seas from all those Governments whose power we might have reason to dread, we have nothing to apprehend from attempts at conquest. It is chiefly attacks upon our commerce, and harassing inroads upon our coast, against which we have to guard. A naval force adequate to the protection of our commerce, always afloat, with an accumulation of the means to give it a rapid extension in case of need, furnishes the power by which all such aggressions may be prevented or repelled. The attention of the Government has, therefore, been recently directed more to preserving the public vessels already built, and providing materials to be placed in dépôt for future use, than to increasing their number. With the aid of Congress, in a few years, the Government will be prepared, in case of emergency, to put afloat a powerful navy of new ships almost as soon as old ones could be repaired.

The modifications in this part of the service, suggested in my last annual message, which are noticed more in detail in the report of the Secretary of the Navy, are again recommended to your serious attention.

The report of the Postmaster General, in like manner, exhibits a satisfactory view of the important branch of the Government under his charge. In addition to the benefits already secured by the operations of the Post Office Department, considerable improvements within the present year have been made by an increase in the accommodation afforded by stage coaches, and in the frequency and celerity of the mail between some of the most important points of the Union.

Under the late contracts, improvements have been provided for the southern section of the country, and, at the same time, an annual saving made of upwards of seventy-two thousand dollars. Notwithstanding the excess of expenditure beyond the current receipts for a few years past, necessarily incurred in the fulfilment of existing contracts, and in the additional expenses, between the periods of contracting, to meet the demands created by the rapid growth and extension of our flourishing country; yet the satisfactory assurance is given, that the future revenue of the Department will be sufficient to meet its extensive engagements. The system recently introduced, that subjects its receipts and disbursements to strict regulation, has entirely fulfilled its designs. It gives full assurance of the punctual transmission, as well as the security of the funds of the Department. The efficiency and industry of its officers, and the ability and energy of contractors, justify an increased confidence in its continued prosperity.

The attention of Congress was called, on a former occasion, to the necessity of such a modification in the office of Attorney General of the United States as would render it more adequate to the wants of the public service. This resulted in the establishment of the office of Solicitor of the Treasury; and the earliest measures were taken to give effect to the provisions of the law which authorized the appointment of that officer, and defined his duties. But it is not believed that this provision, however useful in itself, is calculated to supersede the necessity of extending the duties and powers of the Attorney General's office. On the contrary, I am convinced that the public interest would be greatly promoted by giving to that officer



the general superintendence of the various law agents of the Government, and of all law proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which the United States may be interested, allowing him, at the same time, such a compensation as would enable him to devote his undivided attention to the public business. I think such a provision is alike due to the public and to the officer.

Occasions of reference from the different Executive Departments to the Attorney General are of frequent occurrence; and the prompt decision of the questions so referred tends much to facilitate the despatch of business in those Departments. The report of the Secretary of the Treasury, hereto appended, shows also a branch of the public service not specifically entrusted to any officer, which might be advantageously committed to the Attorney General.

But, independently of those considerations, this office is now one of daily duty. It was originally organized, and its compensation fixed, with a view to occasional service, leaving to the incumbent time for the exercise of his profession in private practice. The state of things which warranted such an organization no longer exists. The frequent claims upon the services of this officer would render his absence from the Seat of Government, in professional attendance upon the courts, injurious to the public service; and the interests of the Government could not fail to be promoted by charging him with the general superintendence of all its legal concerns.

Under a strong conviction of the justness of these suggestions, I recommend it to Congress to make the necessary provisions for giving effect to them, and to place the Attorney General, in regard to compensation, on the same footing with the heads of the several Executive Departments. To this officer might also be intrusted a cognizance of the cases of insolvency in public debtors, especially if the views which I submitted on this subject last year should meet the approbation of Congress—to which I again solicit your attention.

Your attention is respectfully invited to the situation of the District of Columbia. Placed, by the Constitution, under the exclusive jurisdiction and control of Congress, this District is certainly entitled to a much greater share of its consideration than it has yet received. There is a want of uniformity in its laws, particularly in those of a penal character, which increases the expense of their administration, and subjects the people to all the inconveniences which result from the operation of different codes in so small a territory. On different sides of the Potomac, the same offence is punishable in unequal degrees; and the peculiarities of many of the early laws of Maryland and Virginia remain in force, notwithstanding their repugnance, in some cases, to the improvements which have superseded them in those States.

Besides a remedy for these evils, which is loudly called for, it is respectfully submitted whether a provision authorizing the election of a Delegate to represent the wants of the citizens of this District on the floor of Congress, is not due to them, and to the character of our Government. No portion of our citizens should be without a practical enjoyment of the principles of freedom; and there is none more important than that which cultivates a proper relation between the governors and the governed. Imperfect as this must be in this case, yet it is believed that it would be greatly improved by a representation in Congress, with the same privileges that are allowed to the other Territories of the United States.

The penitentiary is ready for the reception of convicts, and only awaits the necessary legislation to put it into operation; as one object of which, I beg leave to recal your attention to the propriety of providing suitable compensation for the officers charged with its inspection.

The importance of the principles involved in the inquiry, whether it will be proper to recharter the Bank of the United States, requires that I should again call the attention of Congress to the subject. Nothing has occurred to lessen, in any degree, the dangers which many of our citizens apprehend from that institution, as at present organized. In the spirit of improvement and compromise which distinguishes our country and its institutions, it becomes us to inquire, whether it be not possible to secure the advantages afforded by the present bank, through the agency of a Bank of the United States, so modified in its principles and structure as to obviate constitutional and other objections.

It is thought practicable to organize such a bank, with the necessary officers, as a branch of the Treasury Department, based on the public and individual deposits, without power to make loans or purchase property, which shall remit the funds of the Government, and the expense of which may be paid, if thought advisable, by allowing its officers to sell bills of exchange to private individuals at a moderate premium. Not being a corporate body, having no stockholders, debtors, or property, and but few officers, it would not be obnoxious to the constitutional objections which are urged against the present bank; and having no means to operate on the hopes, fears, or interests, of large masses of the community, it would be shorn of the influence which makes that bank formidable. The States would be strengthened by having in their hands the means of furnishing the local paper currency through their own banks; while the Bank of the United States, though issuing no paper, would check the issues of the State banks, by taking their notes in deposit, and for exchange, only so long as they continue to be redeemed with specie. In times of public emergency, the capacities of such an institution might be enlarged by legislative provisions.

These suggestions are made, not so much as a recommendation, as with a view of calling the attention of Congress to the possible modifications of a system which cannot continue to exist in its present form without occasional collisions with the local authorities, and perpetual apprehensions and discontent on the part of the States and the people.

In conclusion, fellow-citizens, allow me to invoke, in behalf of your deliberations, that spirit of conciliation and disinterestedness which is the gift of patriotism. Under an overruling and merciful Providence, the agency of this spirit has thus far been signalized in the prosperity and glory of our beloved country. May its influence be eternal.

ANDREW JACKSON.

*December 6, 1830.*

*Ordered*, That the said message, with the accompanying documents, be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and that six thousand copies thereof be printed for the use of the members of this House.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1830.

Three other members, viz:

*From the State of New York*—John Magee;

*From the State of Pennsylvania*—Daniel H. Miller;

*From the State of North Carolina*—Edward B. Dudley;  
appeared, and took their seats.

The following order was moved by Mr. Taylor, viz:

*Ordered*, That the standing committees be now appointed, pursuant to the rules and orders of the House.

The said order being read,

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman, that it lie on the table;

And the question being put,

It passed in the affirmative.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1830.

Several other members, viz:

*From the State of Massachusetts*—Benjamin Gorham;

*From the State of Maryland*—Benjamin C. Howard;

*From the State of North Carolina*—Robert Potter;

*From the State of South Carolina*—Robert W. Barnwell;  
appeared, and took their seats.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the order moved by Mr. Taylor yesterday, for the appointment of the standing committees provided for by the rules of the House;

And the question being put to agree to the said order,

It passed in the affirmative.

And thereupon,

A Committee of Elections was appointed, consisting of Mr. Alston, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Randolph, Mr. Johnson, of Tennessee, Mr. Beekman, and Mr. Coleman.

A Committee of Ways and Means was appointed, consisting of Mr. McDuffie, Mr. Verplanck, Mr. Dwight, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Overton, and Mr. Alexander.

A Committee of Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Whittlesey, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Barber, of Connecticut, Mr. McIntire, Mr. Ramsey, and Mr. Lea.

A Committee of Commerce was appointed, consisting of Mr. Cambreleng, Mr. Gorham, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Howard, Mr. Loyall, and Mr. Lamar.

A Committee on the Public Lands was appointed, consisting of Mr. Wickliffe, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Potter, Mr. Irvin, of Ohio, and Mr. Clay.

A Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads was appointed, consisting of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Conner, Mr. Magee, Mr. Hodges, Mr. Russell, Mr. McCreery, and Mr. Lent.

A Committee for the District of Columbia was appointed, consisting of Mr. Powers, Mr. Allen, Mr. Washington, Mr. Varnum, Mr. Taliaferro, Mr. Ihrle, and Mr. Semmes.

A Committee on the Judiciary was appointed, consisting of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Davis, of South Carolina, Mr. Ellsworth, Mr. Daniel, Mr. White, of Louisiana, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Gordon.

A Committee on Revolutionary Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Burges, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Wingate, Mr. Young, Mr. De Witt, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Crane.

A Committee on Public Expenditures was appointed, consisting of Mr. Hall, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Spencer, of Maryland, Mr. Thomson, of Ohio, and Mr. Norton.

A Committee on Private Land Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Sterigere, Mr. Nuckolls, Mr. Pettis, Mr. Baylor, Mr. Denny, Mr. Dudley, and Mr. Draper.

A Committee on Manufactures was appointed, consisting of Mr. Mallary, Mr. Stanberry, Mr. Condict, Mr. Irwin, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Monell, Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, and Mr. Huntington.

A Committee on Agriculture was appointed, consisting of Mr. Spencer, of New York, Mr. Roane, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Rose, Mr. Smith, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Standefer, and Mr. Chandler.

A Committee on Indian Affairs was appointed, consisting of Mr. Bell, Mr. Lumpkin, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Storrs, of Connecticut, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Gaither, and Mr. Lewis.

A Committee on Military Affairs was appointed, consisting of Mr. Drayton, Mr. Vance, Mr. Desha, Mr. Findlay, Mr. Blair, of South Carolina, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Speight.

A Committee on Naval Affairs was appointed, consisting of Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Crowninshield, Mr. Miller, Mr. Carson, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. White, of New York, and Mr. Anderson.

( ) A Committee on Foreign Affairs was appointed, consisting of Mr. Archer, Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Polk, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Barnwell, and Mr. Wayne.

A Committee on the Territories was appointed, consisting of Mr. Clark, Mr. Strong, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Angel, Mr. Cowles, and Mr. W. B. Shepard.

A Committee on Military Pensions was appointed, consisting of Mr. Trezvant, Mr. Lecompte, Mr. Chilton, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Bockee, Mr. Ford, and Mr. Butman.

A Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business was appointed, consisting of Mr. Pearce, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Pierson.

A Committee of Accounts was appointed, consisting of Mr. Maxwell, of New York, Mr. Swan, and Mr. Broadhead.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wickliffe reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to sundry resolutions thereon, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the President's message as relates to the political relations of the United States with foreign nations, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the commerce of the United States with foreign nations and their dependencies, and so much of said message as relates to "light-houses, beacons, buoys, public piers, and the removing of sand-bars, sawyers, and other partial or temporary obstructions in the navigable rivers and harbors in the revenue districts," be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

3. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the subscribing to the stock of private companies for internal improvement, be referred to a select committee.

4. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the distribution among the several States of the surplus revenue, after the payment of the public debt, be referred to a select committee.

5. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to an amendment of the Constitution of the United States respecting the election of President and Vice President, and so much thereof as relates to the choice of the chief magistrate directly by the people, his disqualification for re-election after a single term of service, and the direction of his patronage in relation to the members of the Federal Legislature, and the tenure of offices, generally, be referred to a select committee.

6. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the Indian tribes, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

7. *Resolved*, That so much of said message as relates to the public debt, the revenue, its security and collection, the Bank of the United States, and the organization of a bank founded on public and individual deposits, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

8. *Resolved*, That so much of said message as relates to the tariff of duties on imports, and so much thereof as respects manufactures, be referred to the Committee on Manufactures; so much thereof as respects the productions of agriculture, to the Committee on Agriculture; and the residue thereof, respecting commerce and other interests, to the Committee on Commerce.

9. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the public lands, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

10. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the public interests intrusted to the War Department, and as relates to the Army, arsenals, fortifications, and the armaments necessary therefor, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

11. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the Navy and naval service of the United States, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

12. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the Post Office Department and its revenue, and the transportation of the mail, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

13. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the office and duties of the Attorney General, and so much thereof as relates to debts due the United States from insolvents, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

14. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the District of Columbia, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

15. *Resolved*, That the said select committees have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

The said resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table, and, except the seventh, concurred in by the House.

The said seventh resolution was then again read, as follows :

7. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the public debt, the revenue, its security and collection, *the Bank of the United States, and the organization of a bank founded on the public and individual deposits*, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A motion was made by Mr. Wayne to amend the same by striking out these words, viz: "the Bank of the United States, and the organization of a bank founded on public and individual deposits," and, at the end of the said resolution, to add the following:

"And that so much of the said message as refers to the Bank of the United States, and to the organization of a bank as a branch of the Treasury Department, be referred to a select committee."

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, of South Carolina, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Wayne, by striking out these words, viz: "and to the organization of a bank as a branch of the Treasury Department;"

And the question being put to agree to this motion,

It was decided in the negative.

The question was then put to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Wayne,

And was decided in the negative, } Yeas, : : : : : 67,  
Nays, : : : : : 108.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, William G. Angel, Robert W. Barnwell, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, William Kennon, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Thomas Maxwell, Robert Menell, Ebenezer F. Norton, William T. Nuckolls, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Gershom Powers, Abraham Rencher, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, James Standefer, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Charles A. Wickliffe, Joel Yancey—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Willis Alston, John Anderson, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Thomas Beekman, Abraham Bockee, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, John Gilmore, Benjamin Gorham, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jonathan Jennings, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Adam King, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer,

Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, William B. Shepard, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, Ebenezer Young—108.

The said seventh resolution was then agreed to, as reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

A committee was then appointed upon the subject of internal improvement, in pursuance of the third resolution, consisting of Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Blair, of Tennessee, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Letcher, Mr. Vinton, and Mr. Craig.

A committee was appointed upon the subject of a distribution of the surplus revenue, in pursuance of the fourth resolution, consisting of Mr. Polk, Mr. Patton, Mr. Fry, Mr. Earll, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Leavitt, and Mr. Evans, of Maine.

A committee was appointed upon the subject of an amendment to the Constitution in relation to the election of President and Vice President, &c. in pursuance of the fifth resolution, consisting of Mr. McDuffie, Mr. Coke, Mr. Sanford, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Green, Mr. Rencher.

And then the House adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1830.

Several other members, viz:

• *From the State of Massachusetts*—Isaac C. Bates;

*From the State of Pennsylvania*—Richard Coulter and Chauncey Forward; appeared, and took their seats.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, to which is committed the bill (No. 420) to establish certain post roads, and to alter and discontinue others, and for other purposes, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Daniel presented a petition of George Stockton, of the State of Kentucky, late a captain in the army of the United States, praying to be paid for his baggage and other property, lost during the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Daniel presented a petition of Joseph C. Belt, of the State of Kentucky, late a captain in the army of the United States, praying to be paid for his baggage and other property, lost during the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Lamar presented a petition of James Duncan, of the State of Georgia, a revolutionary soldier, praying for a pension.

Mr. Chilton presented a petition of Henry Harshfield, of the State of Kentucky, a revolutionary soldier, praying for a pension.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Drayton presented a memorial of Mrs. Frances Moore, executrix of John Elias Moore, who was executor of John Moore, late of the State of

South Carolina, praying to be paid the amount of sundry certificates of debt, issued during the revolutionary war to the said John Moore, which said certificates were lost or mislaid; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, of Georgia,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Bernard Kelley, presented on the 8th December, 1826, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of James Caulfield, of the State of Alabama, praying that his title to a tract of land therein described may be confirmed; which petition was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Clay presented memorials from inhabitants of the State of Alabama who are purchasers of public lands, representing that the act of the 31st March, 1830, does not afford them either adequate or proportionate relief, and praying that further relief, which is therein specified, may be granted to them; which memorials were referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Verplanck,

*Resolved*, That a committee of three members of this House be appointed, who, with three members of the Senate, to be appointed by that body, shall direct the expenditure of the money appropriated for the Library of Congress.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, Mr. Verplanck, and Mr. Wayne, be the committee on the part of this House; and that the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a longer time to enter their lands for those who are entitled to a pre-emption by the act of Congress, approved 28th of May, 1830, entitled "An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands," who have been prevented from making entries within one year, in consequence of the land not having been surveyed, or from any other cause over which they had no control.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Burlington, in the county of Hampshire, in the State of Virginia, to Yough Glades, in the county of Alleghany, in the State of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

1. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending further relief to purchasers of reverted and relinquished lands which were sold at prices less than fourteen dollars per acre.

2. *Resolved, also*, That the said committee inquire into the expediency of authorizing of the issuance of scrip, in all cases when the original price did not exceed ten dollars per acre.

3. *Resolved, also*, That said committee inquire into the expediency of authorizing the sale of less quantities than half quarter sections of land remaining unsold in tracts of country which have been offered for sale.

On motion of Mr. Yancey,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of paying Barker T. Anderson, of Kentucky, for a horse



lost for want of forage, during the late war between the United States and Great Britain, in an expedition against Upper Canada, under the command of Governor Shelby.

On motion of Mr. Ellsworth,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Rufus Gibbs, Ithuel Hart, Thomas Wylls, and Samuel Bliss, soldiers of the Revolution, on the pension roll of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

1. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands inquire into the expediency of making general the pre-emption act of May 28, 1830, by extending its provisions to all real settlers and cultivators of public lands.

2. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands inquire into the expediency of granting a pre-emption right to the extent of one quarter section to such settlers on the public lands as may have lost their improvements by floating claims, accruing under the act of May 28, 1830.

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Ordered*, That the petitions of inhabitants of the western part of the State of Missouri, for an alteration in the western boundary of that State, presented January 11, 1830, and March 2, 1830, be referred to the Committee on the Territories.

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the final adjustment of private land claims in the State of Missouri.

On motion of Mr. Spencer, of New York,

*Ordered*, That the petition of the corporation of the city of Albany, in the State of New York, and the petition of inhabitants of Albany, praying for the improvement of the navigation of the Hudson river, both above and below that city, presented to this House at the last session of Congress, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. White, of Louisiana,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Register and Receiver of the several land offices in the State of Louisiana, to receive entries of claims to land derived from the French and Spanish Governments, under the acts of Congress heretofore enacted on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Lamar,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Timothy Bruen, presented on the 29th of March, 1830, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Ingersoll,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of James Goodrich, of Connecticut, a soldier of the Revolution, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

*Resolved*, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of protecting from injury the canals and other highways of the District of Columbia, and of providing a system of police for the better government of the same.

On motion of Mr. Duncan,

*Resolved*, That the several memorials on file in the office of this House, from the Legislature of the State of Illinois, on the subject of repairing cer-

tain post roads in that State, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads;

That those which relate to a further donation of land, to enable the State to complete the Illinois and lake Michigan canal, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement;

That the memorials which relate to the improvement of the channel of the Mississippi river at the Des Moines and Rock river rapids, and the improvement of other rivers in the State, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement;

That those which relate to the exchange of seminary and school lands, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands;

That those which relate to the running of the northern boundary line of the State, be also referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of the legal representatives of John Donnell, deceased, late of the city of Baltimore, presented to this House on the 16th of December, 1829.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Hudson river between the city of Albany and the village of Waterford.

On motion of Mr. Beekman,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Jacob Patrick on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Alston,

*Ordered*, That when the House shall adjourn this day, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next, the 13th instant.

On motion of Mr. Pearce,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the Marshal of the district of Rhode Island.

On motion of Mr. Ellsworth,

*Ordered*, That the petition of inhabitants of the State of Connecticut, presented January 4th, 1830, for the removal of a sand bar at the mouth of Connecticut river, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Gilmore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing John Lewis, the bearer of despatches during the revolutionary war, on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making appropriations for improving the navigation of the Missouri river, and that of the Mississippi river above the mouth of the Ohio river.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

*Ordered*, That the memorial of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, requesting a subscription from the United States to the western section of the said canal, which was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement at the last session of the present Congress, be again referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Territories be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws organizing a Territorial Government in Florida, as to authorize the election of one member of the Legislative Council to be elected from the new counties of Madison and Hamilton, in said Territory.

On motion of Mr. Bailey,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Eli Smith on the revolutionary pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Varnum,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to repair and finish the break-water near the mouth of the Merrimack river, in the State of Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Grennell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Ebenezer Whitney on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Storrs, of Connecticut,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Cornelius Higgins, a revolutionary soldier, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Overton,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the propriety of making an appropriation for the opening a ship channel at the mouth of the Teche river, in the State of Louisiana, agreeably to a survey made by the Engineer Department.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell, of New York,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Joshua Whitney, Stephen Tuttle, and Thomas Maxwell, and others, children and heirs at law of Guy Maxwell, deceased, presented January 12th, 1824, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan,

*Ordered*, That when this House shall adjourn to meet on Monday next, it will adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock A. M.

And then the House adjourned until Monday, the 13th instant.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1830.

Several other members, viz:

*From the State of New York*—Joseph Hawkins;

*From the State of Virginia*—Philip Doddridge;

*From the State of South Carolina*—John Campbell;

*From the State of Louisiana*—Henry H. Gurley;

appeared, and took their seats.

Mr. McIntire, presented a petition of Nathan Lord, and a petition of Enos Cobb, attorney for sundry revolutionary officers and soldiers residing in the State of Maine.

Mr. Evans, of Maine, presented a petition of Mary McCausland, of the State of Maine, praying that the pension granted to her late husband, James McCausland, may be continued to her.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Zadock Bartlett, of the State of New Hampshire;

Mr. Bailey presented a petition of Micah Druett, a petition of Ephraim

Hunt, a petition of Ziba Hayden, and a petition of Ebenezer Withington, all of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Richardson presented a petition of Nehemiah Manson, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Pearce presented a petition of Joseph Durfee, of the State of Rhode Island, a petition of Zebulon Wade, and a petition of Henry Tew, also of the State of Rhode Island;

Mr. Ingersoll presented a petition of Thaddeus Starr, a petition of Levi Redfield, and a petition of Marstin Parrott, all of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Young presented a petition of Lemuel Grosvenor, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of Thomas Andrews, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. White, of New York, presented a petition of Mary Smith, of the city of New York, widow, mother of William W. Smith, who was killed in battle in the late war;

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of Isaac Van Camp, of the State of New York;

Mr. Earll presented a petition of Zenas Northway, a petition of Daniel Porter, and a petition of Ebenezer Covil, all of the State of New York;

Mr. Maxwell, of New York, presented a petition of John Swartwood, a petition of Daniel Swartwood, and a petition of James Swartwood, all of the State of New York;

Mr. Swan presented a petition of Paul Voorheese, and a petition of Richard Brokan, of the State of New Jersey;

Mr. Verplanck presented a petition of Thomas Rossell, of the city of New York;

Mr. Haynes presented a petition of William A. Tennille, of the State of Georgia;

Mr. Lea presented a petition of David Tate, sen. of the State of Tennessee;

Mr. Findlay presented a petition of Benjamin Flinn, of the State of Ohio;

Mr. Findlay presented a petition of John Woods, of the State of Kentucky;

Mr. McCreery presented a petition of Robert Milligan, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Sill presented a petition of James Dickson, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Ellsworth presented a petition of Ebenezer Chaplin, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Cowles presented a petition of John C. Miller, a petition of John Merritt, a petition of Daniel Purdy, a petition of Sylvanus Townsend, a petition of John Finch, and a petition of Dennis Cronk, all of the State of New York.

Mr. Magee presented a petition of Moses Van Campen, of the State of New York;

which petitioners respectively pray that their names may be placed on the pension roll of the United States.

Mr. Thomson, of Ohio, presented a petition of Mathias Shurts, of the State of Ohio, praying to be allowed arrearages of pension.

Mr. Finch presented a petition of Daniel Robinson, of the State of New York, praying for an increase of pension.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Sill,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John Russell, presented on the 4th of January, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Young,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Mrs. Sarah Gray, presented January 5th, 1829, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Maxwell, of New York, presented a petition of Samuel Westbrook, of the State of New York, praying to be allowed additional compensation for his services as an officer in the army of the Revolution.

Mr. Washington presented a petition of Sarah Easton and Dorothy Storer, of the city of Washington, children and heirs at law of Colonel Robert Hanson Harrison, of the army of the Revolution, praying that the accounting officers of the Treasury may be directed to settle their claims according to the spirit and intention of the act passed at the last session of Congress for their relief.

Mr. John S. Barbour presented a petition of Ann D. Baylor, of the State of Virginia, praying that the commutation of half pay for life to which Col. George Walker Baylor was entitled, as an officer of the army of the Revolution, may be paid to his legal representatives.

Mr. Loyall presented a petition of Ann M. Barron, of Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, daughter and only surviving heir at law of William Barron, a captain in the navy in the revolutionary war, praying that such moneys as may have been due to her father at the time of his death, being killed in battle, may be paid to her.

Mr. Ingersoll presented a petition of Elihu Sanford, of the State of Connecticut, praying further compensation for services of an extraordinary character rendered in the war of the Revolution.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. John S. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Jane Thornton, widow of Colonel John Thornton, presented February 22d, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Loyall presented a petition of John Cunningham, of the State of Virginia, praying to be paid the amount due for the services of his father, now dead, as pilot to the fleet of the Compté De Grasse, in the waters of the United States, in the revolutionary war; which petition was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Nathaniel Blake, presented January 22d, 1830, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of J. P. and E. B. Penny, of the city of Mexico, merchants, by Thomas Dixon and Company, of the city of New York, merchants, their agents and factors, praying that a certain excess of duty, which they were compelled to pay on a quantity of jalap, imported into the port of New York in the year 1829, may be refunded; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Robertson and Barnwell, merchants of Mobile, presented March 17, 1828, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Jotham Lincoln, administrator of the estate of Samuel Burr Lincoln, presented December 17, 1829, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Noyes Barbour presented a petition of Walter Loomis and Abel Gay, of the State of Connecticut, praying to be paid the amount due them for work done on the Cumberland road in the year 1817.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of Martha Bailey, administratrix of the estate of Theodorus Bailey, deceased; James Thorne, on behalf of himself and his former partner, Elias Mather; Sarah Anderson, administratrix, and Henry James Anderson, administrator, of the estate of Elbert Anderson, deceased, all of the State of New York; praying for a further and more equitable settlement of the accounts of the said Elbert Anderson and his associates, arising out of contracts entered into by them in the years 1812, 1813, and 1814, to supply provisions to the troops of the United States within the States of New York and New Jersey, and the British provinces of Canada.

Mr. Barnwell presented a petition of John W. Holmes, of the State of South Carolina, keeper of the light-house at the harbor of Charleston, praying to be paid the value of a male slave who was killed by a fall while engaged in sweeping and cleaning out said light-house.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of Minerva Catlett, widow and executrix of Dr. Hanson Catlett, deceased, praying remuneration for certain disbursements made by her late husband on public account as hospital surgeon in the army of the United States.

Mr. Loyall presented a petition of Richard Bagnall, executor of James B. Vaughan, deceased, praying to be paid for a quantity of brick furnished the Navy agent at Norfolk, in Virginia.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

*Ordered*, That the memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, respecting depredations of Creek Indians, presented February 8, 1830; and the petition of inhabitants of the State of Alabama, upon the same subject, presented December 30, 1829, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

*Ordered*, That the petitions of Samuel Dale, of Alabama, now on file, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of William Ward, of the city of New York, praying compensation for services rendered in the Quartermaster's Department of the army of the Revolution; which petition was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of George King, junior, of the State of Connecticut, postmaster at Sharon, in that State, praying to be allowed additional compensation for his services.

Mr. Cahoon presented a petition of inhabitants of the towns of Charleston and Salem, in the county of Orleans, in the State of Vermont, and of the towns of Waterford, St. Johnsbury, Lyndon, Burke, and Newark, in the county of Caledonia, and of Randon, in the county of Essex, in the State of Vermont, praying for the establishment of post routes therein mentioned.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of John Powell, of the town of Salisbury, in the State of South Carolina, a native of Great Britain, and who has not resided within the United States two years, praying that letters patent may be granted to him as the inventor of a new and useful machine for the purpose of separating the metal from gold ore and the auriferous earth of alluvial depositories.

Mr. Washington presented a petition of Gideon Davis, of the District of Columbia, praying that a new patent may be granted him for his improvement in the plough.

Mr. Tucker presented a petition of John H. Harrison, of the State of South Carolina, one of the sureties of Francis Adams, a debtor to the United States, praying to be exonerated from his suretyship as aforesaid, for reasons set forth in the petition.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of South Carolina,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Thomas Cooper, presented February 1, 1830, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. John S. Barbour presented a petition of John Balthrope, of the State of Virginia, praying that his improvement in the axis for cannon carriages may be adopted by the United States, and that such compensation may be made him for his invention as may be just and reasonable; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Lumpkin presented a petition of John Rodgers, a citizen of the Cherokee nation of Indians, praying for a grant of 640 acres of land, to which he conceives himself entitled under the treaty of 1818; which petition was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Yancey presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Kentucky, praying that a national road may be constructed from Zanesville, in Ohio, to Florence, in Alabama; which petition was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Ordered*, That the memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, for an extension of the Cumberland road into that State, presented on the 23d February, 1829, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

Mr. Russel presented a petition of Samuel Gibson, of the State of Ohio, praying a confirmation of his title to a tract of land in the State of Georgia, purchased of Zachariah Cox, in the year 1797.

Mr. Gurley presented a petition of Mary Landry, widow of Pierre Guedry, deceased, and a petition of Francis Daigre, of the State of Louisiana, praying for a confirmation of their respective claims to land, therein specified and described.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Constant Breau, of the State of Louisiana, praying that a right of pre-emption in the purchase of a tract of land therein described may be granted him.

Mr. Duncan presented a petition of Peter Williams, of the State of Illinois, stating that the tract of land which he owns, and which was patented by the United States to a soldier of the late war, is subject to inundation and unfit for cultivation, and praying that other lands may be granted him in lieu of the same.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of William Coleman, of the State of Alabama, praying that other lands may be granted to him in lieu of lands of which he has been deprived by the United States.

Mr. Hinds presented a petition of James C. Wilkins, William Shipp, and Francis Surgett, of the State of Mississippi, praying permission to locate lands to the amount of their claims, which have been rejected, the proof of the validity of which they have since obtained..

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Lachlin Durant, presented January 26, 1829, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Biddle presented memorials from inhabitants of that part of the Territory of Michigan lying west of lake Michigan and north of the State of Illinois, setting forth the many inconveniences under which they labor, from their remote situation from the seat of Government of said Territory, and from the want of a land office for the disposal of the public lands, and praying Congress to afford them the suitable remedies; which memorials were referred to the Committee on the Territories.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of the company established at Philipsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, for the manufacture of screws, commonly called wood screws, signed by William Bagshaw, agent, praying that additional duties may be imposed on wood screws imported into the United States; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Carson presented a petition of John S. Devlin, Quartermaster's Sergeant in the United States' marine corps, praying to be paid for extra services rendered by him as clerk in the office of the Quartermaster of said corps; which petition was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Buchanan, from the Managers appointed at the last session of Congress to conduct the impeachment against James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri, reported that the said Managers have had under consideration the answer of James H. Peck to the article of impeachment exhibited against him by this House, and recommended the adoption of the following replication thereto, viz:

#### REPLICATION,

By the House of Representatives of the United States, to the answer and plea of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri, to the article of impeachment exhibited against him by the said House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives of the United States, having considered the answer and plea of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri, to the article of impeachment against him by them exhibited, in the name of themselves, and of all the people of the United States, reply, that the said James H. Peck is guilty in such manner as he stands impeached; and that the House of Representatives will be ready to prove their charges against him at such convenient time and place as shall be appointed for that purpose.

The said replication being read, was adopted by the House; and it was thereupon



*Resolved*, That the foregoing replication be put in to the answer and plea of the aforesaid James H. Peck, on behalf of this House; and that the Managers be instructed to maintain the said replication at the bar of the Senate, at such time as shall be appointed by the Senate.

*Resolved*, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House have agreed to a replication on their part to the answer and plea of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri, to the article of impeachment exhibited to the Senate against him by this House; and have directed the Managers appointed to conduct the said impeachment to carry the said replication to the Senate, and to maintain the same at the bar of the Senate, at such time as shall be appointed by the Senate.

Mr. Pearce moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to communicate to this House the following reports of surveys made under the authority of the United States, of the ports and harbors thereof, in reference to the establishment of naval depots, to wit: the report of Brigadier General Swift, made August 26, 1815; of Captain Samuel Evans, made the 20th November, 1815; of Captain William Bainbridge, made the 18th October, 1817; and the joint report of General Joseph G. Swift, and Captain Samuel Evans, and Oliver H. Perry, made the 30th October, 1817.

On motion of Mr. Ingersoll,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the improvement of custom-house square, at the port of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut.

On motion of Mr. Ellsworth,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Jonathan Pasco, a revolutionary soldier, on the pension roll of the United States.

Mr. Ellsworth accompanied the foregoing resolution with a petition of said Jonathan Pasco.

On motion of Mr. Lent,

*Resolved*, That the survey of the port of Sag harbor, in the State of New York, and the report of the engineer accompanying the same, presented to this House at the last session of Congress, and referred to the Committee on Commerce, be again referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Borst,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pension of David Williams, a soldier of the Revolution, and the only surviving captor of Major Andre.

On motion of Mr. De Witt,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the names of Thomas Van Gaasbeek, Peter Elmendorf, Jonathan Westbrook, John J. Low, Conrad Fieras, Johannis Schoonmaker, and William Emerick, officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Gilmore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the names of Jacob Rudolph, Valentine Rynsel, William Harbeson, William Iddings, and John Kennedy, soldiers of the Revolution, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. King, of Pennsylvania,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting pensions to Archibald Shaw, John Datamer, and Daniel Miller, soldiers of the Revolution.

On motion of Mr. Patton,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing Alexander Parker, a revolutionary officer, his pension, which was suspended between the years 1820 and 1826.

On motion of Mr. Doddridge,

*Ordered*, That the bill (No. 467,) to authorize a subscription of stock on the part of the United States in the Wheeling and Belmont Bridge Company, be recommitted to the Committee on Internal Improvements, with instructions to report a bill to provide for the erection of a bridge over the Ohio river at or near the town of Wheeling, and appropriating a certain sum of money for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to William Woodsides and Thomas Brotherton, soldiers of the Revolution.

Mr. Haynes moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the duty on sugar imported from foreign countries into the United States.

The said resolution being read,

Mr. Sutherland demanded the question of consideration.

The question was put, Will the House now proceed to the consideration of the same?

And was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 83,  
Nays, . . . . . 98.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Jonas Earll, jr., Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Thomas Maxwell, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, William T. Nuckolls, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Gershom Powers, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, William Stanberry, James Standefer, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, Starling Tucker, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Lewis Williams, and Ephraim K. Wilson.—83.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Borst, James Buchanan, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowinshield, Henry Daniel, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Daniel H. Miller, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Thompson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—98.

On motion of Mr. Lumpkin,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the two horse stage route which is now in operation from Powelton to Covington, in Georgia, to the town of Decatur, in the county of De Kalb.

Mr. White, of New York, moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to communicate to this House—

*First*. A statement of the quantity of sugar (distinguishing Muscovado from clayed) imported annually into the United States, from the 30th September, 1815, and the amount of duty collected upon the same.

*Second*. A statement of the quantity of sugar exported in each year, and the amount of drawback paid upon the same; specifying the quantity of Muscovado, clayed, and refined sugar exported, and the drawback paid on each description, respectively.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication:

PHILADELPHIA, 7th December, 1830.

SIR: You will receive with this letter a silken flag, bearing the colors of the United States. This flag is made entirely of American silk, reeled from the cocoons, prepared and woven by John D'Homergue, silk manufacturer. The coloring has been done by the best artist he could procure in the city of Philadelphia; he himself not professing to be a dyer.

The staff of this flag, with the eagle, measures about fifteen feet; the flag itself is twelve feet and a half long, and six feet wide. It is woven all in one piece, without a seam.

I beg, Sir, you will be so good as to present this flag, most respectfully, in my name, to the honorable House over which you preside, as a sample of American industry, thus applied, for the first time, to the most valuable of American productions, and as a result of the efforts they have made, during the last five years, for the promotion of the important branch of agriculture to which we owe the rich material of which this flag is composed.

I have the honor to be,

With the highest respect, Sir,

Your most obedient and most humble servant,

PETER S. DUPONCEAU.

Hon. ANDREW STEVENSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Ordered,* That the said communication be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the First Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting—

*First.* List of balances on the books of receipts and expenditures in the office of the Register of the Treasury, which have remained unsettled, or appear to have been due more than three years prior to the 30th September last.

*Second.* Similar lists from the books of the Second and Third Auditors of the Treasury.

*Third.* Statement of the names of such offices as have not rendered their accounts within the year, or have balances unaccounted for one year prior to the 30th September, 1830, as appears from the books of the Third Auditor of the Treasury.

*Fourth.* An abstract of money advanced prior to the 3d March, 1809, on the books of the late Accountant of the War Department, and which remained to be accounted for on the books of the Third Auditor of the Treasury on the 30th September last.

*Ordered,* That the said letter do lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I transmit to the House of Representatives printed copies of the convention between the United States and His Majesty the King of Denmark, concluded at Copenhagen on the 28th of March, 1830, and ratified by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

ANDREW JACKSON.

WASHINGTON, December 10, 1830.

*Ordered,* That the said message be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have concurred in the resolution adopted by the House of Representatives for the appointment of Chaplains to Congress during the present session; also, in the resolution adopted by this House for the appointment of a joint committee to have the direction of the money appropriated for the purchase of books for the Library of Congress, and have appointed a committee on their part. I am also directed to give notice to

this House, that the Senate are in their public chamber, and are ready to proceed on the trial of the impeachment of James H. Peck, District Judge of the United States for the district of Missouri, and that seats are provided for the accommodation of the members of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Chaplain to Congress on its part; and, upon an examination of the fourth ballot, it appeared that the Reverend Ralph R. Gurley was duly elected.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Doddridge moved the following joint resolution, viz:

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby, directed to purchase three hundred and fifty copies of the "Journals of Congress, containing their proceedings from the 6th day of September, 1774, to the adoption of the present Constitution," (1789,) and pay for the same out of the contingent fund: *Provided*, The cost shall not exceed two dollars and fifty cents per volume: and they are hereby further directed to deliver to each member of Congress, who were not members of the 18th, 19th, or 20th Congress, one copy each of said Journals, and one copy to each of the clerks of the United States courts in the several States and Territories, for public use, and deposit the remainder in the Library of Congress, subject to such disposition as Congress may hereafter make.

The said resolution was read the first time, and laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate will, on Monday next, at 12 o'clock, be ready further to proceed in the trial of the impeachment of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Wickliffe made the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War communicate to this House the report of H. M. Shreve, Superintendent of the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers; and also a copy of the report of the officer of the engineer corps upon the same subject, recently made to the Department of War.

And then the House adjourned.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1830.

Ambrose H. Sevier, Delegate from the Territory of Arkansas, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Broadhead presented a petition of Jonathan Rundlet, of the State of New Hampshire;

Mr. Crowninshield presented a petition of Isaac Very, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Barber, of Connecticut, presented a petition of Ebenezer Avery, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Angel presented a petition of Andrew Wilson, of the State of New York;

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of Anthony Glean, of the State of New York;

Mr. Sill presented a petition of John Kent, of the State of New York;  
Mr. Gilmore presented a petition of James Moore, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Stephens presented a petition of Rufus Kingsley, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Desha presented a petition of George D. Blackmore, of the State of Tennessee;

Mr. Whittlesey presented a petition of Philemon Kirkum, of the State of Ohio;

Mr. Shields presented a petition of Hezekiah Broadbury, of the State of Ohio;

Mr. Kennon presented a petition of Benjamin Beckwith, of the State of Ohio;

respectively praying that they may be placed on the pension list of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

The undermentioned petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, viz:

By Mr. Hubbard—the petition of Benjamin Conner, presented March 24, 1830.

By Mr. Taylor—the petition of Jellis A. Fonda, presented December 28, 1829; the petition of Thadeus Scribner, presented January 18, 1830; the petition of Jacob Fulmer, presented February 19, 1827.

By Mr. Condict—the petition of John Dumont, presented January 4, 1830; and the petition of John Cooper, presented January 4, 1830.

By Mr. Stephens—the petition of John Conklin, presented January 11, 1830.

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of Henry Hatch, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, administrator of Cromwell Hatch, deceased, stating that a ship and cargo, the property of the deceased, was wrongfully and illegally captured by a French cruiser, in the year 1797, and condemned as prize by a French tribunal; and that the Government of the United States, by convention subsequently concluded, have absolved the Government of France from all liability on account of said capture; and praying to be paid the amount of damage sustained by reason of said capture from the Treasury of the United States.

Mr. Crowninshield presented a petition of Philip Bessom, of the State of Massachusetts, praying to be paid for bringing to the United States, from France, forty-six American seamen, in the year 1798.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of merchants of the city of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the duties on silks imported into the United States from places beyond, and from places within, the Cape of Good Hope, may be equalised.

Mr. Hemphill presented a petition of A. J. Lewis, and Lewis & Company, merchants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the *extra* duties which they have been compelled to pay under the provisions of the tariff of duties adopted in the year 1828, on certain importations by them made, may be refunded, for reasons set forth in the petition.

Mr. Hemphill presented a petition of George W. Dun and Company, merchants of Philadelphia, praying that the drawback of duties on two cases of muslins exported by them from the United States in the year 1830, may be paid.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Speight,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Ames Wade, presented on the 21st December, 1829, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Crowninshield presented a petition of Theodore Stanwood, Samuel W. Brown, and John Woodbury, junior, of the State of Massachusetts, praying to be paid the bounty allowed by law for two fishing vessels, which were prevented from completing their voyages from the perils of the seas.

Mr. Biddle presented a memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Michigan, praying that a light-house may be erected on point Detour, or Drummond island, at the head of lake Huron.

*Ordered*, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Everett, of Vermont, presented a petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Joseph Falconer, deceased, praying to be allowed interest on the amount of two loan office certificates, payment of which was directed to be made by an act passed at the last session of Congress for their relief.

Mr. Broadhead presented a petition of Sally Staples, of the State of New Hampshire, praying that the pension granted to her late husband, Mark Staples, deceased, may be continued to her.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of Edmund Foster, of the State of New York, praying to be paid the arrears of pension to which he conceives himself entitled, and that his pension may be increased.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of Albert Pawling, of the State of New York, praying that adequate compensation may be made him for his services as an officer in the army of the Revolution.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of Ephraim Whitaker, of the State of New York, praying to be allowed arrears of pay as a Captain in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Angel presented a petition of James S. Campbell, of the State of New York, representative of Samuel Campbell, deceased, praying to be paid for property destroyed by the British forces at Cherry Valley, in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Spencer, of New York, presented a petition of John H. Wendell, of the city of Albany, praying that the benefits of the act of May, 1828, for the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution, may be extended to him.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of William Dewees, on behalf of the heirs and representatives of William Dewees, deceased, late of the State of Pennsylvania, praying for further compensation and indemnity for property destroyed by the British forces in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Letcher presented a petition of James Barnett, of the State of Kentucky, praying to be allowed interest on the sum paid him in virtue of an act of the last session of Congress, granting him his commutation of half pay as an officer of the army of the Revolution.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lea,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Samuel Douthet, presented December 20th, 1819, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Thomson, of Ohio,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Henry Fried, presented February 15, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Everett, of Vermont, presented a petition of the convention of delegates from various parts of the valley of the Connecticut river, and from other sections of the States of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, to consider and devise some efficient and practicable means of improving the navigation of that river, praying aid from the General Government in accomplishing the great object in view; which petition was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

On motion of Mr. Thomson, of Ohio,

*Ordered*, That the petition of the Beaver and Sandy Creek Canal Company, presented January 11th, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Ordered*, That the papers on file, heretofore presented, relative to the Chipola Canal Company of Florida, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

Mr. Muhlenberg presented a petition of Stephen Pleasonton, Fifth Auditor of the Treasury, and late Agent of the Treasury of the United States, praying compensation for services performed in the latter capacity; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Coulter presented a memorial of inhabitants of the county of Westmoreland, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day may be prohibited; which memorial was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Doddridge presented a petition of William Sturgeon, of the State of Virginia, praying for a grant of the bounty in land to which he is entitled as a soldier in the late war with Great Britain; as, also, that retained bounty to the amount of twenty dollars may be paid to him; which petition was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Gurley,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Luther L. Smith, presented February 18, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Overton,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Hannah McKimm, presented February 1, 1830; the petition of Henry Stoker, presented December 8, 1828; the petition of the heirs of Louis Pellerin, presented December 11, 1827; the petition of Aram King, Ransom Philips, Iredell L. Philips, and William King, presented February 25, 1828; the two petitions of Nicholas Girod, presented December 30, 1829; and the petition of the legal representatives of David J. Hull, presented December 21, 1829; be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Yaucey,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William W. Whittaker, James Wilson, and Joseph D. Hamilton, sureties of Amos Edwards, presented December 8, 1826, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Condict presented a petition of Edgar Freeman, late a lieutenant in the Navy of the United States, praying to be placed on the list of naval



pensioners, having received an irreparable injury in the line of his duty; which petition was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Jane Baker, presented January 7, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Verplanck,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Richard Ward, presented December 8, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Polk,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Green Pryor, presented the 3d March, 1828, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Overton,

*Ordered*, That the petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Claiborne, in the State of Louisiana, for land for a jail, presented March 2, 1830; and the petition of inhabitants of the State of Louisiana, respecting settlement rights, presented February 22, 1830; be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Biddle presented a memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Michigan, praying that the salary of the Judges of the courts in said Territory may be increased; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

The resolution moved by Mr. Pearce on the 13th instant, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. White, of New York, on the 13th instant, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. Wickliffe on the 13th instant, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Haynes moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Postmaster General be instructed to communicate to this House such information as may be in possession of the Department, touching an alteration of the post route from Macon to Columbus, in Georgia.

This resolution being read, the rule requiring it to lie on the table one day for consideration was dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the House;

And the question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Yancey,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of paying Thomas Blanchard for two horses furnished the United States in the late war between them and Great Britain.

On motion of Mr. Bell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of changing the time of holding the rule term of the circuit court of the United States for the district of East Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Russel,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing payment of arrears to Charles Stevenson, a soldier of the Revolution.

On motion of Mr. Findlay,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Vincent Castor and Bartow Lowe, revolutionary soldiers, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, of Ohio,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation of that portion of the public lands lying within the Canton district, in the State of Ohio, to aid the inhabitants of said State in making a permanent and free road from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, through Beavertown, New Lisbon, Canton, Wooster, Mansfield, and Bucyries, and so on, as near a westerly direction as the ground and other circumstances will admit, to the east line of the State of Indiana; and, also, for the purpose of making a permanent and free road from Beavertown aforesaid, through Greensburg and Poland, to the town of Ravenna, to intersect the free road already made from Wells-ville, on the Ohio river, to Cleaveland, on lake Erie.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims inquire into the propriety of confirming to Don Francisco Hameterid de Heria the title to certain lands granted to said Heria by the Spanish Government, in 1793, on Mobile, Pearl, and Pascagoula rivers; also, certain lots or parcels of land in the city of Mobile, granted to him as aforesaid, in the year 1799; and, if the said lands have been disposed of by the Government, that said committee inquire into the propriety of authorizing said Heria to select other lands of equal value out of the public lands belonging to the United States.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the benefits of the act of the 29th May last, entitled "An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands," to *all* such as were *then* occupants, without regard to the number settled on particular tracts, by granting to those who have been denied the right of pre-emption certificates to be located elsewhere in the land district in which they reside.

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing and requiring the payment of the three per cent. on the amount of the nett proceeds of the sales of the public lands in the State of Missouri, now due said State, under a compact with the United States.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the price of the pine lands of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Butman,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be directed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law for the benefit of the heirs at law of William Treadwell, a revolutionary officer, so that they may have the benefit of a land warrant granted to him, and since lost or destroyed.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Adonijah Bixby, of Springfield, in Vermont, on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing on the pension roll Thomas Vinson, an officer of the army of the Revolution.

On motion of Mr. Verplanck,

*Resolved*, That the papers of Richard Ward, in relation to his improvement and invention in naval defence, and the construction of docks, presented during the last Congress, be now referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Borst,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the head of the Delaware river, in the town of Stamford, in Delaware county, in the State of New York, at or near the house of Thomas Montgomery, to the Erie canal at Canajoharie, in the county of Montgomery, by the way of Jefferson Summit Four Corners, Cobleskill, and Sharon.

On motion of Mr. Magee,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the house of Alonson Burr, in the town of Canada, in the county of Alleghany, by the way of Rushford, to Farmersville, in the county of Cattaraugus; also, from the house of Captain William Bennett, in the town of Canisteo, in the county of Steuben, by the way of Purdy creek settlement and Alfred, to Scio, in the county of Alleghany.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Isaac Weatherbee on the roll of revolutionary pensioners.

On motion of Mr. Condict,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to defray the expense of a survey of the river Delaware, with a view to the improvement of its channel from Trenton falls *downward*, wherever its navigation may be found to be impeded by shoals or sand bars; also, a further survey from the foot of said falls *upwards*, with a view to render the falls and rapids above them more safely navigable by locks or other means, for boats and rafts, as far as the river is used for such purposes.

*Resolved, also*, That the said committee inquire into the expediency of an appropriation for a survey of the river Raritan, with a view to the improvement of its channel from the city of New Brunswick to Perth Amboy.

*Resolved, also*, That said committee inquire into the expediency of an appropriation for a survey of the river Passaic, with a view to the improvement of its channel from Newark to the bay connecting it with the harbor of New York.

Mr. Mercer moved the following resolutions; which were read, and laid on the table:

1. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House a detailed statement of the several roads which have, at any time, been constructed by the Army of the United States within any of the States or Territories thereof, denoting thereon the termini and extent of the several roads, respectively, the period of their construction, and their cost to the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to this House the amount of the several sums of money which may, at any time, have been allowed to the troops of the United States on account of fatigue duty, distinguishing the year in which any such allowance may have been made, and, where practicable, the nature of the duty performed.

On motion of Mr. John S. Barbour,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the propriety of repealing or amending so much of the act of Congress, passed May 30, 1830, entitled "An act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the Virginia line and navy, and of the continental army, during the revolutionary war," as limits the number of acres of land therein allotted to the said officers and soldiers.

Mr. Barringer moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to report a bill reducing the duty on bar iron made by hammering to the amount of duty imposed by the law of 1816; also, to reduce the duty on cotton-bagging to two cents per square yard; also, to reduce the duty on coarse woollen goods costing less than fifty cents per square yard at the place whence imported, to an ad valorem duty of twenty-five per centum; also, to reduce the duty on coarse wool costing less than ten cents per pound at the place whence imported, to an ad valorem duty of twenty per cent; also, to reduce the duty on brown sugar to two cents per pound.

The said resolution being read,

Mr. Condict demanded that the question of consideration be put: when The question was put, Will the House *now* consider the said resolution?

And was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 66,  
Nays, . . . . . 114.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William S. Archer, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, John Broadhead, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hammons, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinde, Cornelius Holland, Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, William T. Nuckolls, John M. Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abraham Rencher, John Roane, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, Starling Tucker, Gulian C. Verplanck, Campbell P. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson. —66.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, Benjamin Gorham, George Grenwell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Haw-

kins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Joel Yancey, Ebenezer Young.—114.

On motion of Mr. Drayton,

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee on the Militia be appointed, to take into consideration all matters relating to the militia of the United States which may be referred to them by the House, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Thompson, of Georgia, Mr. King, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Barringer, Mr. Weeks, Mr. Kincaid, Mr. Johns, and Mr. Cahoon, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Davis, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of carrying the mail twice a week, in a four house stage, between Columbia, in South Carolina, and Ashville, in North Carolina.

This resolution was read; and the question was put, Will the House agree to the same?

And passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Bell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims inquire into the expediency of allowing the claim of George Mayfield to six hundred and forty acres of land, reserved to him by the treaty made with the Creek Indians at Fort Jackson, in 1814.

On motion of Mr. Whittlesey,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to John Shreve, an officer of the Revolution, five years' full pay in commutation of half pay pension for life, to which he was entitled under and by virtue of the resolutions and laws of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Vance,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be directed to inquire into the expediency of making compensation to David Hull, of Ohio, for property destroyed by the troops of Great Britain during the late war.

On motion of Mr. Leavitt,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill comprising all the acts and provisions now in force on the subject of the naturalization of aliens.

Mr. Jennings moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to in-

quire into the expediency of appropriating one hundred thousand dollars to the completing the Cumberland road, not a national road, in the limits of the State of Ohio.

This resolution was read: when,

The question was put, Will the House agree thereto?

And decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Ellsworth,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 145) to amend and consolidate the acts respecting copy-rights, be discharged, and that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Haynes,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of William A. Tennille, made at the last session, be discharged; and that the said report and petition be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker laid before the House the annual report of the Clerk of the House of the expenditures out of the contingent fund during the last year; as, also, the names of the clerks and messengers in the service of the House; which report was read, and laid on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a communication from James Monroe, late President of the United States, dated New York, November 20, 1830, in relation to his claims against the United States; which communication was committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 330) for the relief of Mr. Monroe.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1830.

Two other members, viz:

*From the State of Indiana*—John Test;

*From the State of New York*—Henry R. Storrs;  
appeared, and took their seats.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of John Scott, of the State of New Hampshire;

Mr. Chandler presented a petition of John Cushing, of the State of New Hampshire;

Mr. Noyes Barber presented a petition of William Miner, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. William L. Storrs presented a petition of Elisha Niles, of the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of Samuel Colton, of the State of New York;

Mr. Monell presented a petition of Ichabod Tubs, of the State of New York;

Mr. Swan presented a petition of Joseph Boss, of the State of New Jersey;

Mr. Williams presented a petition of William Sparks, of the State of North Carolina;

Mr. Stephens presented a petition of Thomas Tiffany, and a petition of Hosea Tiffany, of the State of Pennsylvania; severally and respectively praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of Henry Collins, of the State of New York, praying to be allowed the arrears of pension to which he conceives himself entitled.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of Elizabeth Wright, widow of Jotham Wright, deceased, praying that the pension granted to her late husband may be continued to her.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of Epsom Hamilton, of the city of New York, praying for an increase of pension.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Norton,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Orsamus Holmes, presented December 8, 1826, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Peter Rodriguez, presented January 18, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Varnum,

*Ordered*, That the memorial of the several fire companies in the District of Columbia, presented February 8, 1830, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Varnum,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Thomas Bunting, presented February 15, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Varnum presented a petition of Josiah P. Creesy, of the State of Massachusetts, praying to be paid the bounty allowed on a vessel engaged in the cod fishery, his vessel having been lost at sea before completing the term required by law.

Mr. Varnum presented a petition of Daniel Jackson and Lucius M. Higgins, of the State of Massachusetts, praying that a register as an American vessel may be granted to them for a British built vessel, purchased by them while a complete wreck, and rebuilt in the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Norton presented a petition of Robert Kaene, of the State of New York, praying to be paid for services rendered as an officer in the military forces of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Polk presented a petition of Elizabeth Owens, of the State of Tennessee, only legal heir of James Shirley, deceased, late a soldier in the Army of the United States, praying to paid the balance of pay and allowances due for the services of said Shirley.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The undermentioned petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the Committee of Claims, viz:

By Mr. Norton—The petition of Abraham Forbes, presented January 28, 1828.

By Mr. Whittlesey—The petition of Martha Clapp, presented April 12, 1830.

By Mr. Irvin, of Ohio—The petition of Samuel Thompson, presented March 8, 1830.

By Mr. Biddle—The petition of John Lawe, presented February 15, 1830.

By Mr. Biddle—The petition of Godfroy and Beaugraud, presented December 24, 1829.

On motion of Mr. Sill,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Eliza L. Pearce, widow of Lieut. George Pearce, deceased, presented January 18, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Howard presented a memorial of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, praying permission to construct within the District of Columbia a rail road, on a route leading from Baltimore to the city of Washington; which memorial was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Drayton presented a memorial of the surgeons and assistant surgeons in the Army of the United States, praying for increase of their pay and emoluments; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Norton presented a petition of Elijah Fox, of the State of New York, brother and heir at law of Nathaniel Fox, deceased, a revolutionary soldier, praying to be paid the amount due for pay and allowances to the said Nathaniel Fox.

Mr Campbell P. White presented a petition of Rebecca Spencer, of the State of New York, widow of Dennis Spencer, deceased, a revolutionary soldier, praying that provision may be made for her maintenance and support.

Mr. John S. Barbour presented a petition of John Roberts, of the State of Virginia, a Major in the army of the Revolution, praying that all the pay and emoluments to which he is entitled may now be granted and paid to him.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Polk,

*Ordered*, That the petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Colonel Selby Harney, deceased, presented January 25, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Overton,

*Ordered*, That the petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Samuel Davenport, deceased, presented February 15, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John Brahan, presented March 29, 1830, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Pearce,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Charles Collins, presented December 15, 1828, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Pearce,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Robinson Potter, presented March 15, 1830, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Campbell P. White presented a memorial of the Directors of the New York Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, praying for a dotation of public land as an endowment for said institution; which memorial was committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 280) to aid in the education of indigent deaf and dumb persons.

On motion of Mr. Borst,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Maria and Catharine Vrooman, heirs at law of Capt. Peter Deitz, presented January 30, 1827, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Pettis presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Callaway, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route therein mentioned; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.



On motion of Mr. Ellsworth,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Elijah Gillett, presented March 11th, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. McCreery,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James Mitchell, presented February 1st, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John Bliss, presented February 22d, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Storrs, of Connecticut,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Ebenezer Gilbert, presented on the 5th of December, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Timothy Bruin; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joshua Whitney and others, representatives of Guy Maxwell, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate have chosen the Reverend Henry Van Dyke Johns a Chaplain to Congress on its part, for the present session. And then he withdrew.

The resolutions moved by Mr. Mercer yesterday, and laid on the table, were read, considered, and modified, by adding to the *first* resolution these words, to wit: "and the authority under which the same was incurred;" and, as thus modified, the said resolutions were agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Evans, of Maine,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making compensation to the heirs of Reuben Colburn for boats and other supplies furnished during the war of the Revolution, by the direction of General Washington, to the expedition against Quebec; and that the documents on file, and others herewith presented, be referred to said committee.

On motion of Mr. Jarvis,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reviving and continuing in force an act entitled "An act to extend the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army," approved 2d March, 1827.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road, leading from Lowell, in Massachusetts, through Wilton, Hancock, Stoddard, Alstead, East Parish, Alstead Paper Mills village, Langdon, to Charlestown, in New Hampshire.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing on the pension roll Benjamin Darling, a soldier of the Revolution.

On motion of Mr. Pearce.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to defray the expense of a sur-

vey of the creek leading from the ocean into the large pond on the west end of the island of Block island, for the purpose of so far extending the width and deepening said creek as to admit vessels to pass through the same to said pond, and thereby afford a safe and commodious harbor to the navigation of the country.

On motion of Mr. Young,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Squire Cady, of the State of Connecticut, a soldier of the Revolution, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Monell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing James Walker, James Stephens, Thomas Betts, Suly Squin, Asa Jones, Jeremiah Hotchkiss, and Jonathan Sanford, soldiers of the Revolution, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk furnish the members of this House with copies of the indices of the reports of committees and Executive and Senate papers of the last session of Congress, and that copies of the indices shall hereafter be transmitted to Representatives and Delegates in the same manner as documents.

On motion of Mr. De Witt,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reprinting the Journals of the House of Representatives, from the thirteenth to the twentieth Congress, inclusive.

On motion of Mr. Norton,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to secure the work commenced by certain individuals at the mouth of Silver creek, in the county of Chatauque, in the State of New York.

On motion of Mr. Cowles,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the town of Somers, in the county of West Chester, in the State of New York, to Ludington's store, in the town of Kent, in the county of Putnam, in the said State.

On motion of Mr. Condict,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the justice and propriety of allowing to Jonah Garrison, a soldier of the Revolution, the sum which would have been paid, had his pension commenced at the time when the testimony in the case was completed.

On motion of Mr. Stephens,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Hosea Tiffany, a soldier of the Revolution, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Ford,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of putting the name of Oliver Phelps, a soldier of the Revolution, on the pension list of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Evans, of Pennsylvania,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Jacob Wisner, a soldier of the revolutionary war, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. John S. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the report made at the last session of Congress in the case of Farrow and Harris, be discharged, and that the said report, together with the petition and accompanying documents, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Drayton,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the gradual survey of the coasts, inlets, and harbors of the United States and their Territories.

On motion of Mr. Overton,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce inquire into the propriety of making an appropriation for building one or more light-houses, and placing buoys at the passes of the Mississippi river, with reference to a survey and estimate made by an officer of the Engineer Department.

Mr. Boon moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to this House what progress has been made in the construction of the Cumberland road through the State of Indiana, the amount of money already expended thereon, and the probable sum that will be required to complete the same through said State.

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for locating and extending the Cumberland road from the town of Vandalia, in the State of Illinois, to the city of Jefferson, in the State of Missouri, by the way of the city of St. Louis, in the last named State; and, also, to inquire into the propriety of making appropriations for opening and graduating said road throughout the route aforesaid, and for causing bridges to be located over some of the rivers and creeks on said route.

Mr. White moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to communicate to this House copies of the correspondence of the Superintendent, and reports of the overseer, of the live-oak plantations near the Navy yard at Pensacola.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1830.

Another member, to wit:

*From the State of Tennessee*—David Crockett, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of Nehemiah Parsons and Israel Thordike, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, stating that, during the late war with Great Britain, a fictitious sale of their ship *Isis* was made to a Spanish subject, in order to deceive British cruisers; in consequence of which, they have ever since been compelled to pay foreign duties on said ship, whenever she entered the ports of the United States; and praying that the excess of duties which they have been thus compelled to pay may be refunded to them.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Genesee and Orleans, in the State of New York, praying that an appropriation may be made to improve the navigation of the mouth of Oak Orchard creek, on lake Ontario.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Pearce,

*Ordered*, That the petition of inhabitants of North Kingston and vicinity, in the State of Rhode Island, for a light-house, presented March 1, 1830; the petition of inhabitants of Block island, in the State of Rhode Island, for the erection of a sea wall on the east side of Sand's landing, presented December 24, 1829; the petition of inhabitants of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, for certain improvements in the harbor of that place, and for the removal of a light-house, presented December 16, 1829; the petition of inhabitants of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, for certain improvements in their harbor, presented January 11, 1830; be, respectively, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Gorham,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William Osborn, of the city of New York, presented May 31, 1813, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Varnum presented a petition of W. and S. Lawrence & Stone, A. and A. Lawrence & Company, Thomas P. Cushing, and Howe, Door & Company, of Boston, merchants, praying that certain excess of duties, which they have been compelled to pay by the erroneous construction of the law by the collector of Boston, may be refunded to them.

Mr. Hemphill presented a petition of John F. Lewis, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, praying that a quantity of India floor-matting, ordered before the enactment of the tariff of 1828, and which arrived subsequent to the commencement of the operation of that tariff, may be admitted to entry at the rate of duty in the late tariff.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Dwight presented a petition of John Breckwood Taylor, of the State of Mississippi, praying to be paid the amount of a loan office certificate issued in the war of the Revolution.

Mr. Patton presented a petition of Churchill Gibbs, of the State of Virginia, an officer of the army of the Revolution, praying to be paid the commutation of his half pay.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Grennell,

*Ordered*, That the petition of David Sanderson, presented March 1, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Baylor,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Charles Drish, representative of Christian Ash, presented February 15, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Ingersoll presented a petition of Samuel Dean, of the State of Connecticut; ..

Mr. Hunt presented a petition of Jabez Hawes, of the State of Vermont;

Mr. Biddle presented a petition of William N. Terry, of the Territory of Michigan;

Mr. Martindale presented a petition of Simeon Moss, of the State of New York;

Mr. Randolph presented a petition of Henry Freeman, of the State of New Jersey;

Mr. Gilmore presented a petition of John Lewis, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Crane presented a petition of Michael Miller, of the State of Ohio; Mr. Condict presented a petition of James Wilcock, a petition of Daniel Taylor, and a petition of Aaron Earll, of the State of New Jersey;

Mr. Verplanck presented a petition of Joseph Cutler, of the State of New York;

severally and respectively praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. John S. Barbour presented a petition of Peter Triplett, of the State of Virginia;

Mr. Kennon presented a petition of William Willis, of the State of Ohio;

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of James Porter, formerly of the State of North Carolina;

respectively praying to be paid the arrearages of pension to which they conceive themselves entitled.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

The undermentioned petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, viz:

By Mr. Grennell: The petition of Lewis Gilbert, presented May 3, 1830, and the petition of William Grennell, presented January 15, 1827.

By Mr. Monell: The petition of John Johnson, presented February 8, 1830.

By Mr. Lyon: The petition of John Trover, presented December 8, 1828.

By Mr. Biddle: The petition of James Graham, presented March 22, 1830.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of Augustine and David Browder, heirs of Isham Browder, deceased, praying that scrip may be granted them for the amount paid on a tract of land, which was afterwards taken from them by authority of the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Lea presented a petition of Robert Smith, of the State of Tennessee, praying that the Secretary of State may be directed to return his title deeds and other papers, filed in the Department of State, under the act for the indemnification of certain claimants of Yazoo lands; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Crane presented a remonstrance of inhabitants of the State of Ohio against the making of the towns of Dayton and Eaton points in the location of the Cumberland road; which remonstrance was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Pettis presented a petition of Adam L. Mills, of the State of Missouri, praying that additional compensation may be made him for transporting the mail between St. Louis, in Missouri, and Vincennes, in Indiana; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The resolution moved by Mr. Boon yesterday, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. White, of Florida, yesterday, and laid on the table, was read and considered, and modified by the consent of the mover, on the suggestion of Mr. Speight and Mr. Hoffman, to read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to communicate to this House copies of the correspondence of the Superintendent, and re-

ports of the overseer, of the live oak plantations near the Navy yard at Pensacola; and that he be further directed to communicate to this House copies of all correspondence, contracts, deeds, or other papers, connected with the purchase of live oak lands in Florida, in the possession of, or within the control of the Navy Department; the quantity purchased, the names of the persons from whom the purchases were made; the prices given; to whom paid, when paid, and on what authority; together with all other information tending to show the value of such lands at the time of the purchase, as well as the quality and value of the live oak timber on each tract fit for naval purposes; and all other information in the power of the Department to give, relative to a production, preservation, and providing a supply of live oak, and the measures taken respecting the growing thereof, and the expenses of such measures.

As thus modified, the said resolution was adopted by the House.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Northumberland, through Piercy Winlow's location, Dummer, Berlin, to Milan, in New Hampshire.

Mr. Richardson moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a select Committee on Education be appointed, to take into consideration all measures and propositions relative thereto which shall be referred to them, and to report by bill or otherwise.

The said resolution being read,

Mr. Archer moved that it lie on the table;

And the question being put,

It passed in the affirmative, {	Yeas,	. . . . .	94,
	Nays,	. . . . .	86.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, John Bell, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, David Crockett, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Jonas Earl, jr., James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Henry H. Gurley, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Alem Marr, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Robert Monell, Ebenezer F. Norton, William T. Nuckolls, John Mercer Patton, Spencer Petitia, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Gershom Powers, Abram Kencher, John Roane, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Jesse Speight, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Wiley Thompson, Starling Tucker, Gulian C. Verplaack, James M. Wayne, Campbell P. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—94.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Broadhead, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, George Grennell, jr., Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Henry Hubbard, Thomas J. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Robert P. Letcher, Rollin C. Mallery, Henry C. Martindale, William McCreery, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, and Ephraim K. Wilson.—86.

On motion of Mr. Pearce,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing a spindle on the rock between the islands of Rhode Island and Conanicut, called "the Halfway Rock."

On motion of Mr. Hodges,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing or abolishing, by law, certain fees now exacted for passports and the clearance of vessels of citizens of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Beekman,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Joseph H. Carey, a soldier of the Revolution, on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. Norton,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to improve the harbor of Portland harbor, so called, in the county of Chataque, and State of New York.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the limitation on the period allowed for the transmission of documents free of postage, and of reviving the act on that subject, approved December 19, 1821.

On motion of Mr. De Witt,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light-house at the junction of Rondout creek and Hudson river in the State of New York; and that the papers relating to the subject be again referred to said committee.

On motion of Mr. Finch,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for disabled artificers who served in that corps during the late war, and who are not provided for by any existing law.

On motion of Mr. Perkins King,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for building a light-house at Esopus Meadows, on the Hudson river, in the State of New York.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the propriety of placing the names of Thomas Lee and Thomas Bloomfield, of New Jersey, on the pension roll of revolutionary pensioners.

On motion of Mr. Ihrle,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Philip Fry, a soldier of the Revolution.

On motion of Mr. Stephens,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Montrose, in Susquehannah county, Pennsylvania, to Black Walnut bottom, in Luzerne county.

Mr. Hemphill moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to transmit to Congress a statement of the expenditures heretofore made for internal improvements, specifying the several works, and the expenditure upon each; also, a statement of the estimated expense of the works of internal improvement for which surveys have been made, together with a like statement of the estimated expense of other works projected and partially surveyed.

On motion of Mr. Sprigg,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the complete repair of the Cumberland road, and of adopting some effectual mode for its permanent preservation.

Mr. Crockett moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Postmaster General communicate to this House the amount of money agreed to be paid by him under the late contract for carrying the mail from the city of Washington to the city of Baltimore; also, the amount of money heretofore paid by his predecessor for the like services.

On motion of Mr. Bell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims inquire into the expediency of extending the benefit of the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution, passed on the 15th day of May, 1828, to John Warren, a soldier of the Revolution.

On motion of Mr. Blair, of Tennessee,

*Resolved*, That the resolutions of the Legislatures of Alabama and Tennessee, in relation to the canal or rail road to connect the waters of Tennessee and Coosa rivers, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements at the last session, be again referred to the said committee.



On motion of Mr. Leavitt,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from New Hagerstown, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, through the town of New Cumberland, to Zoar, in said county.

On motion of Mr. Russel,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of disposing of the surplus land within the Virginia military district, in the State of Ohio.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary; which was read, and is as follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

GENTLEMEN: From information received at the Department of State, it is ascertained that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, several of the Marshals have been unable to complete the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States within the time prescribed by the act of the 23d March, 1830, viz: by the first day of the present month.

As the completion of the fifth census, as respects several of the States of the Union, will have been defeated, unless Congress, to whom the case is submitted, should, by an act of the present session, allow further time for making the returns in question, the expediency is suggested of allowing such an act to pass at as early a day as possible.

ANDREW JACKSON.

WASHINGTON, 15th December, 1830.

The said message was referred to a select committee, consisting of Mr. Storrs, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Bates, Mr. Gurley, Mr. Martindale, Mr. Grennell, and Mr. Holland.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his annual report on the state of the finances of the United States; which letter and report were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and six thousand copies thereof were ordered to be printed for the use of the members of this House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting copies of the reports of H. M. Shreve, and of Captain R. Delafield, on the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, called for by the House on the 14th instant; which reports were committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 458) to amend the several acts authorizing the registering and granting licenses to steamboats, and to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from Duff Green, accompanied by a prospectus for the publication of a stereotype edition of the laws and treaties of the United States, and asking a subscription on the part of Congress for such number of copies as the Government may desire; which communication was referred to the Committee on the Library.

The Speaker also laid before the House the following communication, viz:

WASHINGTON, December 16, 1830.

SIR: As the state of my health will not permit me to discharge the duties of Chairman of the Committee for the District of Columbia in such a manner as the *pressing* and *vital* interests of the people of that District most im-

*periously* demand, I respectfully beg leave to be discharged from serving on said committee.

I have the honor to be,  
With great respect,  
Your obedient servant,  
G. POWERS.

The Honorable A. STEVENSON, *Speaker, &c.*

The said letter being read, it was

*Ordered*, That Mr. Powers be excused from serving on the Committee for the District of Columbia, and that Mr. Doddridge be appointed of the said committee, to fill the vacancy thereby occasioned.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, containing the information called for by the House on the 14th instant, relative to an alteration of the post route from Macon to Columbus, in Georgia; which letter was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 420) to alter and establish post roads.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill (No. 420) to establish certain post roads, and to alter and discontinue others, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Haynes reported the said bill with amendments.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1830.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Isaac Boynton, presented February 23, 1829, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Finch presented a petition of Joel Buck, of the State of New York, praying for the arrearage of pension to which he conceives himself entitled.

Mr. Finch presented a petition of David Ames, of the State of New York;

Mr. Sill presented a petition of Benjamin Dickson, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Swan presented a petition of Robert Liddle, of the State of New Jersey;

praying, respectively, to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

The undermentioned petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, viz:

By Mr. Sill: The petition of William Dougherty, presented January 11, 1830.

By Mr. Sill: The petition of Lyman Jackson, presented December 23, 1829.

By Mr. Sill: The petition of Rhoda Stewart, widow of John Stewart, presented December 23, 1829.

Mr. Everett, of Vermont, presented a petition of Jonathan Ware, of the State of Vermont, praying to be paid for the services of himself and his son, a minor, as volunteers in the military service of the United States in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Blair, of Tennessee, presented a petition of Benjamin Sherfey, of the State of Tennessee, praying that the sum of ninety-six dollars, improperly and illegally collected of him as a fine for non-performance of militia duty, when called into the service of the United States, may be refunded.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of John Baird, of the State of Alabama, praying payment of a number of claims arising out of the late war with the Seminole Indians, purchased by him for a valuable consideration.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Haynes,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Lewis Anderson, presented December 21, 1829, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Haynes Crabtree, presented December 29, 1829, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sutherland presented a memorial of Joshua Shaw, of the State of Pennsylvania, setting forth that he is the inventor of a new method of discharging cannon, by means of a lock acting on a primer of percussion or fulminating powder, for which he has obtained letters patent, and praying that the right of using his invention may be purchased of him for the benefit of the United States; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Young presented a petition of Matthew Moffit, of the State of Connecticut, praying to be paid the bounty of eighty dollars to which he says he was entitled as a soldier of the revolutionary army;

Mr. Coulter presented a petition of Jane Finley, widow of Andrew Finley, deceased, an officer in the army of the Revolution, praying that all such compensation and emoluments to which her late husband would be entitled if he were now alive, may be granted and paid to her.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Taliaferro,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William Wedderburn, presented December 9, 1805, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Verplanck presented a petition of Cary Dunn, jr., Cornelius Roosa, Zaddock Hidden, and Robert Hunter, on behalf of themselves and others, officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution, who served prior to the 1st March, 1780, and who have received no gratuity or compensation either in land or money, praying that their claims may be equitably adjusted, and that they may be paid a reasonable and fair compensation for their services; which petition was referred to a select committee; and

Mr. Verplanck, Mr. Forward, Mr. Deberry, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Everett, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a representation and memorial of the New York Chamber of Commerce upon the state of the trade between the United States and China, and praying Congress to reduce the duties on silks imported from places beyond the cape of Good Hope, so as to equalise them with like articles imported from other countries.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of John Haines, of the city of New York, merchant, stating that, long previous to the passage of the tariff of 1828, of duties on imports, he ordered goods from England, which arrived in the United States subsequent to the period at which the said tariff took effect;

and praying that the excess of duties imposed by said tariff may be refunded to him.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Norton presented a petition of ship owners, masters of vessels, commission merchants, and others interested in the security of navigation upon lake Erie, and the rivers and lakes connected therewith, praying that provision may be made for a survey of the coasts of lakes Erie, Huron, and Michigan, and that charts of the same may be made and published for the security of the commerce and navigation thereon; which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

*Ordered*, That the petition of inhabitants of the town of Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina, upon the subject of a marine hospital, presented January 18, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Sill,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James Moses, presented February 8, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Samuel Lewis, jr., presented January 3, 1826, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Doddridge presented a petition of inhabitants of the western district of Virginia, praying that the sessions of the district court of the United States for the western district of Virginia may be removed from Louisburg to Charleston; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Taliaferro presented a petition of William P. Bailey, of the city of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying to be divorced from his wife Rebecca, for reasons set forth in his petition.

Mr. Gordon presented a paper signed by inhabitants of the county of Albemarle, in the State of Virginia, urging the settlement of the claims of James Monroe against the Government of the United States; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill for the relief of Mr. Monroe.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Jonas Fauche, of Georgia, presented 15th January, 1827, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Polk presented a petition of Joseph Brown, of the State of Tennessee, praying to be paid for property of which he was plundered by the Cherokee Indians, in the year 1788; which petition was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Blair, of Tennessee, presented a memorial of David Shaver, sen., Thomas Majors, George R. Corvan, James S. May, and David Shaver, jr., of the State of Tennessee, setting forth their claims to certain lands lying in the State of Mississippi, derived from the State of Georgia; and proposing to commute their said claims for such sum as may be deemed reasonable and just.

Mr. Baylor presented a petition of Hopkins Rice, of the State of Alabama, praying permission to correct an error in entering a tract of land purchased of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Biddle,

*Ordered*, That the petition of George McDougall, presented December 24, 1829, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Overton,

*Ordered*, That the petition of the heirs of Theophilus Collins, presented February 15, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Condict,

*Ordered*, That the petitions of widows of certain officers of the army of the Revolution, presented February 16, 1829, be referred to the select committee appointed this day on the petition of sundry officers of said army, who served prior to the 1st March, 1780.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Jotham Lincoln, administrator of Samuel B. Lincoln, deceased, accompanied by a bill (No. 500) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made a report on the petition of Barnard Kelley, accompanied by a bill (No. 501) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Mr. Buchanan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which the subject was referred on the 14th instant, reported a bill (No. 502) to change the time of holding the rule term of the circuit court for the district of West Tennessee; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Ellsworth, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was re-committed the bill (No. 145) to amend and consolidate the acts respecting copy rights, reported an amended bill, accompanied by a report in writing; which bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Sturgeon, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to report thereon to this House.

The resolution moved by Mr. Hemphill on the 16th instant, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. Crockett on the 16th instant, and laid on the table, was read and considered;

And the question being put thereon, was disagreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Duncan,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the national road from the seat of Government of Illinois to the Mississippi river, and of making an appropriation for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the times of holding the district courts of the United States for the northern district of Alabama, from those now established by law, to the second Mondays of April and October.

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Territories be instructed to inquire into the expediency of running and marking the northern boundary line of

the State of Missouri, and that part of the western boundary line which is north of the Missouri river; and that said committee inquire into the expediency of so altering the said northern boundary line as to cause it to run due east from the point where it now strikes the Des Moines river to the middle of the Mississippi river; and, also, into the propriety of comprehending within the limits of the State the small tract of country lying between the present western boundary line, north of the Missouri river, and the Missouri and Nodaway rivers.

On motion of Mr. Biddle,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the confirmations of the inhabitants of Prairie du Chien, in the Territory of Michigan, in such manner as to embrace a portion of wood land; and that a document, now on the files of the House, relating to the subject, be referred to the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Sevier,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to improve the navigation of the Arkansas river.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting all the lands that have been returned by the Surveyors as swamp and inundated, in Florida, to the Territory of Florida; the proceeds of the sales of which to be applied to the improvement of the navigation of the rivers of said Territory.

On motion of Mr. Pearce,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of giving to the Collector of the Customs for the district of Newport a salary, or an increase of his compensation in some other mode.

On motion of Mr. Swift,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of restoring the name of John Austin, of Swanton, in the State of Vermont, to the list of military pensioners.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims inquire into the expediency of allowing the claim of James Lucius Sawyer, for services rendered by him in the last war.

Mr. Condict moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Buildings be instructed to inquire into the propriety of graduating, improving, and ornamenting the public ground commonly called the "President's square."

This resolution was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Gilmore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing William Spear, Daniel Ferguson, John Slaytor, Andrew Alsworth, and Daniel Malasky, soldiers of the Revolution, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. McCreery,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of John Ferguson, a soldier of the Revolution, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Ford,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of putting the name of Samuel Harding, a soldier of the Revolution, on the pension roll of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Rencher,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the provisions of the pension laws so as to embrace the militia in the service of any of the States during the revolutionary war.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of South Carolina,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of continuing in force for one year from the first day of July next, the act of Congress authorizing the Supreme Court of Arkansas to re-adjudicate Spanish confirmations to land in said Territory.

On motion of Mr. Haynes,

*Resolved*, That the report made to this House by the Secretary of War on the 11th day of January last, communicating the correspondence between the Department and the Executive of Georgia, within the three previous years, relative to the depredations of the Creek Indians upon the frontier inhabitants of that State, be referred, with the accompanying documents, to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Foster,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of extending the mail route contemplated from Forsyth to Fayetteville, in the State of Georgia, so as that said route may be continued from Fayetteville, by Campbellton, to the gold region in Carroll county, in said State.

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing John P. Arnaud on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Wickliffe,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of continuing in force for one year from the 26th day of May next, the act of Congress in relation to donation claims in the Territory of Arkansas.

On motion of Mr. Coleman,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending an act, passed 27th day of March, 1804, entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act providing for a naval peace establishment, and for other purposes,'" by repealing so much thereof as requires the Captain of the Navy yard in the city of Washington to perform the duties of agent to the Navy Department.

Mr. Overton moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs, with the view to the *permanent* defence of the western and northwestern frontier of the United States, as well as to economise in the public expenditures, inquire into the policy and expediency of setting apart a portion of the public lands, to be embraced within parallel lines, the exterior line of the States and Territories to form one, and not to exceed twenty miles in width; which tract, when designated, may be settled by able bodied men, who shall be entitled to one hundred acres of the same: *Provided*, They keep a horse and gun fit for use, and hold themselves ready to do military service when called on by the

proper authority; with such other provisions as the committee may deem requisite.

This resolution being read,

The question, Will the House now consider the same? was demanded by Mr. Drayton;

And being put,

It was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Sevier,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a military post or garrison at the mouth of Little River, in the southwest corner of the Territory of Arkansas.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a port of entry at St. John's, in East Florida.

A motion was made by Mr. Davenport, that when the House shall adjourn this day, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

This motion having been objected to, the hour for passing to the orders of the day having arrived,

A motion was made that the rule be suspended, so that the House may entertain the said motion;

And on the question, Shall the rule be suspended?

It passed in the affirmative, two-thirds of the House voting therefor.

The motion made by Mr. Davenport was then agreed to by the House.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 429) to establish certain post roads, and to alter and discontinue others, and for other purposes; and the amendments reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House on the 16th instant, being read, were concurred in by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Foster further to amend the said bill by inserting a provision for extending a post road proposed by the bill to be established in the State of Georgia, "by Cambellton, to the gold region in Carroll county." This amendment being disagreed to by the House,

A motion was made by Mr. Wickliffe further to amend the said bill, by adding to the first section thereof the following: "*Provided*, That said post routes, to be put in operation so soon as the funds of the Department will, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, justify the increased expense of the same."

And after debate,

The House adjourned.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1830.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 1. An act for the relief of Ransom Mix and Edmund Smith;

No. 3. An act for the relief of Simeon C. Whittier;

No. 8. An act for the relief of Lucien Harper;

No. 16. An act for the relief of Aaron Fitzgerald;

No. 21. An act granting a pension to Judah Roberts;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

By leave, Mr. Hoffman moved a resolution, which, at the suggestion of Mr. Polk, was modified to read as follows:



*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House this day, to attend in the chamber of the Senate on the trial of the impeachment against James H. Peck, a Judge of the United States' district court for the district of Missouri.

A motion was made by Mr. Dwight to amend the said resolution, by striking out all after the word *Resolved*, and inserting the following: "That, pending the trial of the impeachment before the Senate, this House will attend at eleven o'clock in the morning, and proceed on the legislative business of the House, until the hour which the Senate shall appoint, each day, for proceeding on the trial of the impeachment now pending before that body; and that the House then resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and attend said trial.

The said amendment being read, the question was put to agree thereto; And decided in the negative.

The question was then put to agree to the resolution moved by Mr. Hoffman;

And passed in the affirmative.

The House then, in pursuance of the said resolution, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Drayton, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment; that some progress had been made therein, and that the Court of Impeachment had adjourned to meet again to-morrow, at 12 o'clock meridian.

On motion of Mr. Whittlesey,

*Ordered*, That when this House shall adjourn to day, it will adjourn to meet again to-morrow at eleven o'clock A. M.

And then the House adjourned.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1830.

Another member, to wit:

*From the State of Georgia*—Richard H. Wilde, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. McIntire presented a petition of William Harvey, of the State of Maine;

Mr. Ingersoll presented a petition of Adonijah St. John, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Hoffman presented a petition of Peter Mower, a petition of Jonas Randall, and a petition of Martin Murphy, all of the State of New York;

Mr. Randolph presented a petition of James Bloomfield, of the State of New Jersey;

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of John Mabry, of the State of Kentucky;

Mr. Whittlesey presented a petition of Seth Goodwin, of the State of Ohio;

Mr. Cowles presented a petition of Ebenezer Wheeler, and a petition of Jabez Berry, of the State of New York;

praying, respectively, to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. Randolph presented a petition of Randolph Clarkson, of the State of New Jersey, praying for an increase of pension.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

The undermentioned petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, viz:

By Mr. Wingate—The petition of Abner W. Turner, presented January 11, 1830.

By Mr. Hubbard—The petition of Nahum Goodenow, presented April 5, 1830.

By Mr. Lyon—The petition of Elijah Baker, presented February 2, 1829.

Mr. McIntire presented a petition of Sarah Adams, of the State of Maine, widow of Benjamin Adams, who was killed on board a private armed vessel during the late war with Great Britain, praying that the pension heretofore granted her may be continued.

Mr. McIntire presented a similar petition of Martha Davis, of the State of Maine, widow of Benjamin Davis, who was killed on board a private armed vessel during the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Doddridge presented a petition of Gaetano Carusi, setting forth that, in 1805, he was employed, together with his three sons, as instructors of a band of music, on board the United States' frigate President, under a contract that he was conveyed to his home in Italy after the expiration of three years; that he was on board the frigate Chesapeake, on his return to his home, in the year 1807, when that frigate was attacked and driven back by a British squadron; and that he has remained in this country from that time; and praying that provision may now be made for the return of himself and family to their native land.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Borst presented a memorial of inhabitants of the county of Schenectady, in the State of New York, setting forth that the census of that county, as taken under the late law, has been incorrectly taken, and praying that the census of the said county may be taken anew; which memorial was referred to the committee appointed on the message from the President of the United States upon the subject of the fifth census.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of William W. Fox, William H. Leggett, and Thomas Leggett, jr., co-partners under the firm of Leggett, Fox, and Company, of the city of New York, merchants, praying that certain merchandise imported by them from Great Britain, and which were ordered previous to the passage of the act of 1828, fixing a new tariff of duties, may be charged with duties according to the old tariff; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Wingate,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Charles Cramer, George Cramer, George Slater, John Steadley, and Isaac G. Reed, presented March 8, 1830, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Denny presented a memorial of inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the transportation of the mail on the Sabbath day may be prohibited; which was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.



On motion of Mr. Maxwell, of New York,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Frederick Raymer, presented January 23, 1826, and the petition of Thomas Park, presented January 18, 1827, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

*Ordered*, That the several petitions of Amy Dardin, presented February 3, 1803, and December 27, 1804, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Patton presented a petition of Thomas Minor, of the State of Virginia, praying to be paid the commutation of half pay for life, to which he was entitled as an officer of the army of the Revolution.

Mr. Lumpkin presented a petition of Joseph Herndon, praying for further compensation for services as a soldier in the army of the Revolution.

Mr. Gurley presented a petition of James Williams, of the State of Louisiana, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the army of the Revolution.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. John S. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William R. Withers, presented December 17, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Philip Hammons, presented February 22, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Hemphill presented a memorial of the Franklin Institute in the city of Philadelphia, established for the promotion and encouragement of manufactures and the mechanic arts, and for the diffusion of useful knowledge among those practically engaged in these occupations, praying for the patronage of Congress in the publication of their periodical journal; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Haynes presented a petition of William A. Tennille, of the State of Georgia, praying the attention of Congress to his petitions, heretofore presented, for relief from a judgment recovered against him at the suit of the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Lumpkin,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Milledge Galphin, executor of Thomas Galphin, deceased, presented January 9, 1826, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sevier presented a petition of John H. Fogy, of the Territory of Arkansas, a native of the Chickasaw nation of Indians, praying for a grant of a tract of land out of the lands lately acquired, or which may be acquired, from the Chickasaw Indians, on the east side of the river Mississippi; which petition was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Blair, of Tennessee, presented a petition of Salvator Pinistri, theoretical and practical Italian architect, setting forth that he has a plan which will effectually remedy the defect in hearing in the hall of the House, and praying to be employed to execute his plan in the hall; which petition was referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 407) making appropriations for the public buildings.

On motion of Mr. Polk,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William Newsum, sen., presented January 14, 1828, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Crane presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Ohio, residing in the Piqua land district, praying that the land office may be removed from Piqua to Defiance.

Mr. Sevier presented a petition of Samuel Taylor, of the Territory of Arkansas, stating that a large portion of his land has been granted to a person for military services in the late war, and praying relief.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Wilde presented documents in relation to the public lands adjoining the boundary between Florida and Alabama, which were referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Creighton presented a petition of Eleanor Worthington, executrix, and James T. Worthington, executor, of Thomas Worthington, deceased, praying to be relieved from a judgment obtained at the suit of the United States against their testator; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sevier presented an abstract of Spanish land claims now under review in the Superior Court of the Territory of Arkansas, in which innocent purchasers have filed answers at the July and October terms of 1830; which abstract was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Gurley,

*Ordered*, That the petitions of the undermentioned persons, heretofore presented, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, viz:

The petition of the heirs of Antoine Bonnabel, presented February 12, 1827;

The petition of Bast and Youce, presented December 11, 1828;

The petition of Charles Everard, presented March 10, 1828;

The petition of Robert Hillen, presented December 9, 1828;

The petition of Josiah Barker, presented January 6, 1829;

The petition of Jane Percy, presented March 3, 1824.

On motion of Mr. Pearce,

*Ordered*, That the petitions of inhabitants of the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for the construction of a pier or breakwater in Church's Cove, presented December 21, 1829, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Doddridge presented a memorial of inhabitants of the town and county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying that an act may be passed making it obligatory on one of the Judges of the circuit court of said District to reside in Alexandria, one in Washington, and one in Georgetown; and also praying that the laws authorizing the removal of causes from one county in said District to the other may be amended in the manner set forth in the said memorial; which memorial was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Condict presented a petition of Abel Griggs, a sergeant in the marine corps, praying compensation for extra services as messenger to the commandant and staff of said corps; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John W. Holmes; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report on the memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, relating to

claims of citizens of that State on account of depredations committed on their property by Creek Indians; which report was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Drayton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of John Balthrope; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House; viz:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner is entitled to, and ought to receive from the Ordnance Department, a full price for the axletrees which he has made and delivered to them; and that, whenever the Government stands in need of further supplies, he ought to be employed in the manufacture of them, and be liberally compensated for his skill and labor.

Mr. Spencer, of New York, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred, on the 13th instant, the letter of Peter S. Du Ponceau, announcing his presentation to the House of a silken flag, bearing the colors of the United States, made of American silk, reeled from cocoons, and prepared and woven by John D'Homergue, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted, viz:

*"Resolved*, That the flag bearing the colors of the United States, presented to this House by Peter S. Du Ponceau, of Philadelphia, made of American silk, prepared and woven by John D'Homergue, silk manufacturer, in the city of Philadelphia, be accepted by this House, and that it be displayed, under the direction of the Speaker, in some conspicuous part of the hall of sittings of this House," having been read, Mr. Alexander moved to lay the resolution on the table; which motion being disagreed to, the said resolution was concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the heirs of Louis Pellerin, and that the said petition do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joshua Whitney and others, heirs and representatives of Guy Maxwell, deceased, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Doddridge, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill (No. 503) to organize the several fire companies in the District of Columbia; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Territories be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of inhabitants of that part of the Territory of Michigan lying west of lake Michigan, and north of the State of Illinois, and that the said petitions be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 76) to establish the territorial government of Huron.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Ann D. Baylor, accompanied by a bill (No. 504) for the relief of the legal representatives of Colonel George Baylor; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dickinson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Major John Roberts, accompanied by a bill (No. 505) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Wingate,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making compensation to the heirs or legal representatives of Robert Askins, for services rendered by him as an officer during the war of the Revolution, and that the papers and documents on file relating to his case be referred to said committee.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law, so that the legal representative of Caleb Lincoln, a soldier of the Revolution, deceased, may have the benefit of a land warrant granted him, and since lost or destroyed.

Mr. Hodges moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to furnish this House with a statement of the amount of payments made by the owners of vessels of the United States, since the year 1816, for papers called "Mediterranean passports," and with a statement of the fund or account to which said payments have been applied.

On motion of Mr. Kendall,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing on the pension roll the name of Joseph Clark, a soldier of the Revolution.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the provision of the pension laws to all the surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution who served for the period of time therein specified.

On motion of Mr. Finch,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the names of Enos Wood and Prudence La Janesse, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Ihrie,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Frederick Sheckler, a soldier of the Revolution.

On motion of Mr. Gordon,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Humphrey Beckett, a soldier of the Revolution, of the State of Virginia, on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce take into consideration the expediency of making an appropriation for the survey of New river, in the State of North Carolina, with a view of improving the same.

On motion of Mr. William B. Shepard,

*Resolved*, That the report of the select committee on the subject of the Roanoke inlet, made at the last session of Congress, be referred to the Committee on Commerce; and that the said committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of reporting to this House such sum as, in their opinion, will be sufficient to effect the survey recommended in said report.

On motion of Mr. Tucker,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Benjamin Puckett, a soldier of the revolutionary war, on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of South Carolina,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or modifying the 25th section of an act, entitled "An act establishing the judicial courts of the United States," passed the 24th of September, 1789.

On motion of Mr. Lumpkin,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing on the pension list, John Davis, Thomas Taylor, and Archibald Henderson, of Gwinnett county, in the State of Georgia.

On motion of Mr. Wickliffe,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing imprisonment for debt by virtue of process from the courts of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Daniel,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to authorize a circuit court judge of the United States, in vacation, to grant a supersedeas for errors that may appear in the record, in cases arising in the circuit or district courts of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Chilton,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of John Sorrels on the pension list, he having been a revolutionary soldier.

Mr. Whittlesey moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House a copy of the survey and estimate made for a canal by a corps of engineers of the United States, from Portage Summit, to intersect the line surveyed by Colonel Kearney.

On motion of Mr. Overton,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for a survey of the Red river, from its entrance into the Mississippi to the town of Natchitoches; of the Washita river, from its entrance into the Red river to the town of Monroe; and of the Achafalia river, from its connexion with the Mississippi to its outlet into the gulf of Mexico.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the jurisdiction of the United States' court for the northern district of Alabama, so as to include the Cherokee and Chickasaw territory within the chartered limits of said State.

On motion of Mr. Sevier,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to open a road from "Strings," on the St. Francis river, to Barboursville, in the Territory of Arkansas.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the running and marking the boundary line between the State of Alabama and Territory of Florida, and for the closing the surveys on each side of said line, and for the issuing

of patents for the land sold within the disputed boundary by the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an estimate of the appropriations proposed to be made for the service of the year, amounting to \$10,568,566.09, together with statements showing the appropriations for the service of the year 1831, made by former acts; the existing appropriations which will not be required for the service of the year 1830, and which it is proposed to apply in aid of the service of 1831; and the existing appropriations which will be required to complete the service of 1830, and former years, but which will be expended in 1831; which letter and estimate were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

II. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting the information called for by the House on the 16th instant, in relation to the progress made in constructing the Cumberland road in the State of Indiana; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

III. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the disbursements made, since the adoption of the Federal Constitution, under the following heads, viz; Fortifications, Light-Houses, Public Debt, Revolutionary and other Pensions, and Internal Improvements; showing, as far as practicable, the amount disbursed in each year, and in each State and Territory; prepared in obedience to an order of the House of the 26th of May, 1830; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Strong, that when the House shall adjourn this day, it will adjourn to meet again to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.; which motion was rejected by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Doddridge, that when the House shall adjourn this day, it will adjourn to meet again to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.; which motion was agreed to by the House.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment; that some progress had been made therein, and that the Court of Impeachment had adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 12 o'clock, meridian.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1830.

Mr. Jarvis presented a petition of John Gibson, of the State of Maine;

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Elisha Barnes, of the State of New Hampshire;

Mr. Hodges presented a petition of Edmund Briggs, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Beekman presented a petition of John Wolever, of the State of New York;



Mr. Monell presented a petition of Jonathan Sanford, of the State of New York;

Mr. Adam King presented a petition of Martin Doll, of the State of Pennsylvania;

praying, respectively, to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. Verplanck presented a petition of David Brooks, of the city of New York, praying to be allowed arrearages of pension.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Huntington,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Samuel Woodcock, presented January 14, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Doddridge,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Robert Reynolds, presented May 18, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Pearce presented a petition of Amariah Squirrel, of the city of Philadelphia, son and representative of Jacob Squirrel, deceased, a soldier in the late war with Great Britain, praying to be paid the amount of pay and emoluments due to his father at the time of his death, and that the bounty in land may be granted to him; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Reed,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Jonathan Coffin, presented January 25th, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. White, of New York,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Ellen Dix, widow of the late Doctor Dix, presented December 8, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Eager,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Jonathan D. Ferris, presented March 29, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James L. Ridgeley, administrator of Edward Moore, deceased, presented January 18, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Hoffman presented a petition of Albert P. Rusco, of the State of New York, praying to be allowed and paid an additional compensation for a bridge built by him over the river St. Sebastian, at St. Augustine, in East Florida, under a contract entered into between him and an officer of the Quartermaster's Department of the Army of the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lea,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Adam Peck, presented January 6th, 1826, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Washington presented a memorial of the Corporation of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, complaining of many inconveniences to which the citizens of said town, and others trading thereto, are subjected by reason of the bridge across the river Potomac, running from the city of Washington to the Virginia shore of said river, and praying that an act may be passed, obliging the Washington Bridge Company forthwith to make ample provision for accommodating such navigation, by sufficiently enlarging the aperture in the bridge at the draw over the main channel of the river, and

to effect the same with such materials as may not be likely, hereafter, to encumber the said channel, or to obstruct the navigation thereof; which memorial was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Biddle presented a memorial of the legislative council of the Territory of Michigan, praying that the integrity of the territorial limits of the said territory may be preserved inviolate; that no part of it may be annexed to the contemplated government of Huron; and that no right or privilege whatever may be taken from Michigan as a territory, which would have the effect to impair the future importance of Michigan as a State; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

Mr. Pearce presented a petition of George Brown, of the State of Rhode Island, Surveyor of the customs for the port of Pawcatuck, praying to be allowed additional compensation.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Genesee, in the State of New York, praying that an appropriation may be made for improving the harbor at the mouth of Oak Orchard creek, on lake Ontario.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Ordered*, That the petition of inhabitants of Appalachicola, in the Territory of Florida, for the erection of a light-house, presented December 30, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Sevier presented documents in support of claims of Antoine Barraque, Josiah Jinkins, John Deck, Ransom Moore, and Squire Allen, for depredations committed on their property by certain Indians; which documents were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Lewis Anderson, accompanied by a bill (No. 506) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (No. 507) to authorize the construction of three schooners for the naval service of the United States; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Duncan, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 508) to ascertain and survey the northern boundary of the State of Illinois; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 181) for ascertaining the latitude of the southern bend or extreme of lake Michigan, and of certain other points, for the purpose, thereafter, of fixing the true northern lines of the States of Ohio and Illinois.

Mr. Duncan, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 509) to authorize the State of Illinois to surrender a township of land granted to said State for a seminary of learning, and to locate other lands in lieu thereof; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 93) to authorize the exchange of the sixteenth sections granted for the use of common schools which are unfit for cultivation.

Mr. McDuffie, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to an amendment of the Constitution respecting the election of President and Vice President, and so much thereof as relates to the choice of the Chief Magistrate directly by the people, his disqualifi-

cation for re-election after a single term of service, and the direction of his patronage in relation to the members of the Federal Legislature, and the tenure of offices generally, reported, in part, the following joint resolution, viz:

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of both Houses concurring,) That the following amendment of the Constitution, of the United States, be proposed to the several States to be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of said Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the said States, viz:*

No person shall be hereafter eligible to the office of President of the United States, who shall have been previously elected to the said office, and who shall have accepted the same, or exercised the powers thereof.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 13. An act for the relief of John Brunson;

No. 18. An act for the relief of Thomas Fitzgerald;

No. 24. An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties:

In which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The resolution moved by Mr. Hodges yesterday, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. Whittlesey yesterday, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard,

*Resolved,* That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing Benjamin Putnam, of New Hampshire, compensation for certain services rendered by him during the late war.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

*Resolved,* That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the erection of a monument or a tide-bell at some point on or near Cohasset rocks, in the State of Massachusetts.

Mr. Pearce moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to report to this House the annual sum necessary to maintain a Navy yard for building and equipping ships with despatch, under the present navy regulations; with the probable annual amount of deterioration of buildings, and interest of the money in the erection of buildings necessary for a Navy yard.

On motion of Mr. Ellsworth,

*Resolved,* That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of inducing the seamen and marines in the Navy of the United States voluntarily to discontinue the use of ardent spirits, by substituting for them double their value in necessaries and comforts whilst in service, or in money, payable at the expiration of the service.

On motion of Mr. Everett, of Vermont,

*Resolved,* That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Jeremiah Rider, of Strafford, in the State of Vermont, on the pension roll, on account of services performed during the revolutionary war.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the purpose of removing a part of the sand bar at the mouth of Black river, on lake Ontario, Jefferson county, and State of New York; and that the petitions and documents presented to this House, and referred to the said committee, at the last session, be again referred to that committee.

On motion of Mr. Verplanck,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to inquire into the expediency of ordering to be published, under the direction of the Secretary of State, the diplomatic correspondence of the United States under the old Confederation, from the peace of 1783 to the organization of the Government after the adoption of the present Constitution.

On motion of Mr. Gilmore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Massey Harbeson on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Stephens,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Asahel Gregory, a soldier of the revolution, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the district of the "*port of entry* and delivery" of Philadelphia.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell, of Virginia,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Benjamin Johnson, of Virginia, a soldier of the revolutionary war, upon the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Whittlesey,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the payment of the claims of the representatives of Aaron Smith and William Shute against the United States.

Mr. Clay moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House the quantity of lands of the United States which has been sold in the several States and Territories within the last twelve months, and the amount paid for the same, and the average price per acre in each State and Territory.

On motion of Mr. Biddle,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law for the renewal of lost certificates of forfeited land stock.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for a light-house and buoys at the mouth of Appalachicola river, in Florida.

Mr. Dwight moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That, pending the trial of the impeachment before the Senate, this House will attend at eleven o'clock in the morning, and proceed on the legislative business of the House until the hour which the Senate shall appoint, each day, for proceeding in the trial of the impeachment now pend-

ing before that body; and that the House then resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and attend said trial, until otherwise ordered by the House.

The said resolution being read,

A motion was made by Mr. Doddridge to amend the same, by striking out from the word *Resolved* to the end thereof, and inserting the following:

"That this House will, from time to time, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, to attend in the chamber of the Senate on the trial of the impeachment against James H. Peck, judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri, during the opening of the cause on the part of the managers, and the opening of the defence on the part of the accused, and during the final argument of the case, and the rendition of judgment therein; and that the managers make report of the proceedings on said impeachment, at such times as will enable this House to take order accordingly."

And the question being put to agree to this amendment,

It was decided in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Drayton to amend the said resolution, by striking out from the word *Resolved* to the end thereof, and inserting the following, viz:

"That, whenever the Senate are resolved into a court upon the impeachment of judge Peck, the managers selected by this House, to conduct that impeachment do attend at such times as the Senate may appoint."

And after debate,

The previous question was called for by Mr. Haynes; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, viz: Will the House agree to the said resolution, as moved by Mr. Dwight?

And was decided in the negative, } : : : : : Yeas 83,  
: : : : : Nays 88,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, John Anderson, William G. Angel, Benedict Arnold, Robert W. Barnwell, Thomas Beekman, James Blair, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Henry W. Conner, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, John D. Dickinson, Edward B. Dudley, Henry W. Dwight, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Benjamin Gorham, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Thomas H. Hall, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, Henry G. Lamar, James Lent, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, Robert Potter, Gershom Powers, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, Jonah

Sanford, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, James Standefer, John W. Taylor, Wiley Thompson, Phineas L. Tracy, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whitlesey, Edward D. White, Joseph F. Wingate, Ebenezer Young.—83.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William S. Archer, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Richard M. Cooper, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, William F. Gordon, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Cave Johnson, John Kincaid, Adam King, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Alem Marr, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Daniel H. Miller, Ebenezer F. Norton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Abraham Rencher, William Russel, Augustine H. Shepperd, Thomas H. Sill, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, James Strong, Samuel Swann, Benjamin Swift, John Thomson, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Campbell P. White, Joel Yancey.—88.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 1. An act for the relief of Ransom Mix and Edmund Smith;

No. 3. An act for the relief of Simeon C. Whittier;

No. 8. An act for the relief of Lucien Harper;

No. 13. An act for the relief of John Brunson;

No. 16. An act for the relief of Aaron Fitzgerald;

No. 18. An act for the relief of Thomas Fitzgerald;

No. 21. An act granting a pension to Judah Roberts;

No. 24. An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;

were severally read the first and second time, and referred,

No. 1, }  
No. 16, } to the Committee on Military Pensions;  
No. 18, }  
No. 21, }

No. 3, }  
No. 24, } to the Committee of Ways and Means;

No. 8, }  
No. 13, } to the Committee of Claims.

An engrossed bill, (No. 502,) entitled "An act to change the time of holding the rule term of the circuit court for the district of West Tennessee," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 420) to establish certain post roads, and to alter and discontinue others, and for other purposes.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Wickliffe, on the 17th instant, to amend the same; when it was,

On motion of Mr. Daniel,

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill (No. 501) for the relief of Bernard Kelly; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Magee reported the said bill without amendment.

The question was then put, "Shall the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, : : : : : 71,  
Nays, : : : : : 49.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Robert Allen, Benedict Arnold, Daniel L. Barringer, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Elias Brown, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Nicholas D. Coleman, Richard Coulter, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Duncan, Joshua Evans, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, Benjamin Gorham, Henry H. Gurley, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, William W. Irvin, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Alem Marr, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, Daniel H. Miller, Walter H. Overton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, James F. Randolph, William Russel, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, William Stanberry, James Standefer, James Strong, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Starling Tucker, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, Joel Yancey.—71.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Noyes Barber, Isaac C. Bates, John Broadhead, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Jonas Earll, jr., George Evans, Horace Everett, James Ford, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, William Kennon, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Gershom Powers, Abraham Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, Benedict I. Semmes, Michael C. Sprigg, John B. Sterigere, Samuel Swann, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Varnum, Elisha Whittlesey.—49.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Irvin, of Ohio,

*Ordered*, That when this House shall adjourn this day, it will adjourn to meet again to-morrow, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1830.

Another member, viz:

*From the State of Massachusetts*—Edward Everett, appeared, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. McIntire,

*Ordered*, That the petition of inhabitants, merchants, and shipmasters of Kennebunk, and its vicinity, in the State of Maine, for the erection of a light-house at cape Porpoise, presented January 11, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. McIntire,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Benjamin Bourne, presented December 23, 1829, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Jarvis presented a petition of inhabitants of Mount Desert, in the State of Maine, praying that a light-house may be erected at the eastern entrance of their harbor; which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Crowninshield,

*Ordered*, That the petition of inhabitants of Gloucester, in the State of Massachusetts, for the erection of a light-house on cape Ann, presented January 18, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Crowninshield,

*Ordered*, That the petition of inhabitants of Swamscut, port of Lynn, district of Marblehead, and State of Massachusetts, presented January 11, 1830, for the erection of a monument or pier, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wingate presented a petition of William Oliver, of the State of Maine;

Mr. Polk presented a petition of Alexander Pickerd, of the State of Tennessee;

Mr. Mallary presented a petition of Abraham Lawrence, of the State of Vermont;

praying, respectively, to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Storrs, of Connecticut,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Samuel Frothingham, presented January 4, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Thomson, of Ohio,

*Ordered*, That the petition of David Smith, of Ohio, presented February 15, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Bailey presented a petition of Nancy B. Hickman, of the State of Massachusetts, daughter, heir, and devisee, of the late General William Hull, praying to be paid a balance of salary which she alleges to be due for the services of her father as Governor of the Territory of Michigan, in the year 1813; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of John McKim, first sergeant of marines, stationed at the Navy yard near Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying to be allowed additional compensation for services performed by him as assistant quartermaster of the marine corps; which petition was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.



Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of widows of sundry revolutionary officers, praying that the benefits of the act of 1828, for the relief of surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the revolution, may be granted to widows of revolutionary officers.

Mr. Kennon presented a petition of William Renason, of the State of Ohio, praying to be allowed the balance of pay due him for services as a soldier in the army of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Campbell P. White presented a petition of Walter Titus and Daniel Y. Townsend, copartners, under the firm of Walter Titus and company, of the city of New York, merchants, stating that, previous to the enactment of the tariff of May, 1828, they ordered certain goods to be imported into the United States, which goods arrived subsequent to the period at which said tariff took effect; and praying that said goods may be charged with the duties established by law before the 19th of May, 1828; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Leavitt presented a petition of inhabitants of Jefferson county, in the State of Ohio, praying that the transportation of the mails may be prohibited on the Sabbath day; which petition was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Alabama, purchasers of public lands, stating that the act of the 31st March, 1830, for the relief of purchasers of public lands, does not afford them sufficient relief; and praying that further relief may be granted them, the nature of which is set forth in their petition; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Irvin, of Ohio, presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on the Public Lands, who were instructed, on the 10th instant, to inquire into the expediency of extending further relief to purchasers of reverted and relinquished lands which were sold at prices less than fourteen dollars per acre, reported a bill (No. 510) supplemental to an act passed on the 31st March, 1830, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the public sales of land of the United States;" which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House tomorrow.

Mr. Blair, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported a bill (No. 511) to provide for the improvement of the Coosa river, in the State of Alabama, and to construct a canal or rail road between the waters of said river Coosa and the waters of the Tennessee river; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The resolution submitted by Mr. Pearce yesterday, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and,

On motion of Mr. Hoffman, it was again laid on the table.

The resolution submitted by Mr. Clay yesterday, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Young,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of paying to Alexander Williams, a soldier of

the revolution, the bounty of eighty dollars promised by the resolution of Congress of October 21, 1780, and of allowing to him the bounty land for his revolutionary services, a warrant for which has been issued to another without his knowledge and consent, as he claims.

On motion of Mr. White, of New York,

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that dollars of the new American Governments, and five franc pieces, shall be a legal tender in the payment of all debts and demands; and, also, whether any additional regulations are necessary relative to the recoinage of foreign silver coin at the Mint; and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise

*Ordered*, That Mr. White, of New York, Mr. Wilde, Mr. Boon, Mr. Tracy, and Mr. Kennon, be the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Lent,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing a survey of the East river, at and near Hurl Gate, in the State of New York, with a view to the improvement of the same.

Mr. Taylor moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House cause a digested index to the Executive papers, reports of committees, and other documents, to the close of the present Congress, to be prepared, and printed for the use of the members.

The said resolution being read, the consideration thereof was postponed until Monday next, the 27th day of the present month.

On motion of Mr. Semmes,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of paying to the heirs at law of William Dudley Digges a fair valuation for the land taken and occupied by the officers of the United States for the site of fort Washington.

On motion of Mr. Coke,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of locating and establishing a naval depot on the waters of James or York rivers, in Virginia; and that the said committee report to this House the probable amount of money necessary to be appropriated for such an establishment.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for placing three hollow buoys at the entrance of the port of Georgetown, in the State of South Carolina.

Mr. Haynes moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That, during the trial of the impeachment now pending before the Senate, this House will meet daily at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon; and that, from day to day, it will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, and attend said trial during the continuance thereof, and until the conclusion of the same.

And the question being put to agree to this resolution,

It passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Chilton,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the purpose of

removing obstructions to the navigation of Green river, in the State of Kentucky, from Greenesburgh, in the county of Greene, to the junction of said river with the river Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Wickliffe,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the importers of foreign merchandise, resident in Louisville, to enter the same for duty, payable at that place, aforesaid, or of making the said place a port of entry.

Mr. Yancey moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Expenditures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the pay and mileage of the members of Congress to six dollars for every day's service, and six dollars for every twenty miles going to, and returning from, the seat of the General Government.

The said resolution being read, the question, Will the House now proceed to the consideration of the same? was demanded by Mr. Irvin, of Ohio;

And the said question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Crockett, that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the motion made on the 4th May, 1830, that the House do reconsider the vote taken on the 3d day of the same month, on the question, Shall the bill (No. 185) to amend an act authorizing the State of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to vacant and unappropriated lands within the same, be engrossed, and read a third time? which motion made by Mr. Crockett was disagreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Leavitt,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing compensation to William Warren for a horse lost in the public service, during the late war.

On motion of Mr. Duncan,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of constructing a light-house, and improving the harbor, at Chicago, on lake Michigan, in the State of Illinois; and that the report of the Secretary of War on that subject, made at the last session of Congress, be again referred to that committee.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the removal of the obstructions in the Escambia and Conecuh rivers, in Florida.

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the fees to be charged and received by the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri, and also into the expediency of permitting the said clerk to keep his office within three quarters of a mile of the place of holding said court.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, stating that copies of the reports of the surveys of ports and harbors in reference to the establishment of naval depots, which were called for by the House on the 14th instant, on the motion of Mr. Pearce, were, on the 6th of February, 1818, laid before the Senate, and will be found among the

documents printed by order of the Senate in that year, and is document numbered 104; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

An engrossed bill, (No. 501,) entitled "An act for the relief of Bernard Kelly," was read the third time; when it was,

On motion of Mr. Whittlesey,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until the third day in January next.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against James H. Peck, judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment; that further progress had been made therein; and that the court of impeachment had adjourned to meet again to-morrow at twelve o'clock meridian.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, eleven o'clock A. M.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1830.

Mr. Wingate presented a petition of Rhoda Cook, administratrix on the estate of Elijah Cook, Frederick Bradford, Alexander Allen, James Cook, Andrew Horn, and Thomas Davis, of the State of Maine, praying that the portion of the nett proceeds of a British vessel and cargo captured by a private armed vessel owned by the petitioners in the year 1814, and during the war between the United States and Great Britain, which passed into the Treasury of the United States by the erroneous proceeding of the collector of the district of Waldoborough, may be repayed to them; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of John Burnham, of the State of New York, praying to be paid the balance yet due of the sum he paid in 1794 for his ransom from slavery in Algiers, together with the interest thereon, as also the interest due on sums heretofore paid him on account; which petition was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Doddridge,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John Thompson, presented April 10, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Roane presented a petition of Patsey Johnson, of the State of Virginia, widow of Samuel Johnson, deceased, a revolutionary soldier, praying to be paid the arrears of pension which she conceives to have been due to her husband at the time of his death; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Wickliffe presented a petition of inhabitants of the city of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, praying that appropriations may be made for improving the Ohio river, so as to render the same navigable throughout the summer and fall months, by boats drawing four feet water, from the mouth of the river to Louisville, and by boats drawing three feet between Louisville and Pittsburgh; which petition was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Whittlesey,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Phoebe Moore, of Alexandria, presented December 8, 1828, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Hinds presented a petition of Samuel A. Edmondson, of the State of Mississippi, praying for a grant of public lands as a compensation for military services rendered in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Joseph Fox, of the State of Alabama, praying for a grant of public lands as a compensation for an invention in the art of boring the earth for water, the successful application of which has greatly increased the value of a very large tract of public land in the State of Alabama.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Alabama, holders of certificates of purchase, and relinquishers of public lands originally sold under fourteen dollars per acre, praying that further relief may be granted to them.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of Joseph Elliott, of the State of Alabama, praying that the title in fee of a certain tract of land reserved to him in a treaty between the United States and the Cherokee Indians, may be vested in his children.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of Edwin Swink, of the State of Alabama, praying that the right of pre-emption on the purchase of a certain quarter section of land may be granted to him, which quarter section is a part of a reservation granted by treaty with the Cherokee Indians to a certain Isaac Keys for life, and which he has purchased of said Keys.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of Samuel Keys, of the State of Alabama, praying that the title in fee of a certain tract of land reserved to him in a treaty with the Cherokee Indians, may be vested in his children.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of Francis Renshaw, of the State of Alabama, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of a certain tract of public land may be granted to him, to which land a certain Isaac Keys lays claim, as being reserved to him in a treaty between the United States and the Cherokee Indians.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of Sally Johnson, wife of Peter Johnson, of the State of Alabama, praying that the title in fee to a certain tract of land reserved to her husband, (of the existence of whom she knows not, as he left home seven years ago, and has not since been heard of,) by a treaty with the Cherokee Indians, may be vested in her.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of William J. Price, of the State of Alabama, stating that he purchased of a certain William Jones a tract of land reserved to him by a treaty between the United States and the Cherokee Indians, and that said Jones removed from said land, whereby the said land became forfeited to the United States; and praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of said land may be granted to him and his assignees, Robert McFarland and Alexander H. Price.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Baylor presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Alabama, holders of certificates of purchase, and relinquishers of public lands originally sold under thirteen dollars per acre, praying that further relief may be granted to them; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Biddle presented a petition of Joseph W. Torrey, of the Territory of Michigan, an attorney at law, praying to be paid for certain professional services rendered the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Bockee, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 16,) entitled "An act for the relief of Aaron Fitzgerald," reported the same with an amendment, *i. e.* strike out the first section thereof.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Samuel Lewis, junior; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 8,) entitled an act for the relief of Lucien Harper; and that the said bill be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Draper, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Luther L. Smith; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William P. Bayly; and that it be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Territories be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the legislative council of the Territory of Michigan, and that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 359) to fix the salaries of the judges of the Territory of Michigan.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Henry Stoker, and that so much of said petition as relates to a claim for money be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (No. 512) for the relief of the legal representatives of Edward Moore, deceased; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the 3d day of January next.

On motion of Mr. Ellsworth,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be directed to inquire into the justness of a claim of Thomas Belden upon the Government, for building two vessels during the late war, under a contract made by the late Commodore Perry with said Belden.

A motion was made by Mr. Johns, that the House do reconsider the vote by which it agreed to the resolution moved by Mr. Haynes yesterday, declaring "that, during the trial of the impeachment now pending before the Senate, they will meet daily at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon; and that, from day to day, it will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, and attend the said trial during the continuance thereof, and until the conclusion of the same."

A motion was then made by Mr. Polk, that the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Johns be postponed until Monday next, the 27th instant;

And the question being put to agree to this motion,

It passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Semmes,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of paying to Elizabeth Magruder, daughter and

heir at law of Rignal Hillary, an officer of the revolutionary army, the commutation pay which was due to her father at the time of his death.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Peter Cleer upon the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell, of Virginia,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Benjamin Harmick, of Virginia, a soldier of the revolutionary war, upon the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

*Ordered*, That when this House shall adjourn to-day, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next, the 27th instant.

On motion of Mr. Lumpkin,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing James McLaughlin, of Georgia, on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. Standefer,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of procuring to be made, by the Board of Engineers of the United States, a survey of the rivers Tennessee and Holston, and an estimate of the improvements on the same, from the place commonly called "the Suck," on the Tennessee river, to the town of Knoxville, on the Holston river.

On motion of Mr. Leavitt,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Luke Tipton, of Holmes county, in the State of Ohio, for services rendered to his country as a soldier of the revolution.

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing, by law, the Registers and Receivers of the several land offices to correct mistakes made in entering any portion of the public lands, whenever sufficient testimony be produced of such mistakes having been made: *Provided*, That the lands so intended to be entered shall not have been previously entered by another person.

*Ordered*, That a Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills be appointed, pursuant to a joint standing rule of the two Houses.

And Mr. Shields and Mr. Richardson were appointed of the said committee on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the First Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the accounts which have remained unsettled, or on which balances appear to have been due, more than three years prior to the 30th September, 1830, on the books of the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury.

An engrossed bill, (No. 334,) entitled "An act to incorporate a fire insurance company in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to notify the House of Representatives that

the Senate is now sitting as a High Court of Impeachment for the trial of James H. Peck, judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri. And then he withdrew.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against James H. Peck; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Cambreleng, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment; that further progress had been made therein; and that the Court of Impeachment had adjourned to meet again on Monday next, the 27th instant, at 12 o'clock meridian.

And then the House adjourned until Monday next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1830.

Mr. McIntire presented a petition of James Morrison, a petition of William Libby, a petition of Nathaniel Thing, a petition of Simeon Tibbetts, a petition of Nathaniel Libby, all of the State of Maine;

Mr. Angel presented a petition of Israel Freeman, of the State of New York;

Mr. Bqrst presented a petition of Demas Judd, of the State of New York;

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of Phineas Dodge, of the State of New York;

Mr. Verplanck presented a petition of Daniel Curman, of the city of New York;

Mr. Whittlesey presented a petition of Noah Cowles, of the State of Ohio;

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Asa Burrows, of the State of New Hampshire; also, a petition of Moses Huntoon, of the State of New Hampshire;

praying, respectively, that their names may be placed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. Jarvis presented a petition of Jonathan Green, of the State of Maine, praying to be allowed arrearages of pension.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Bailey,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Eli Smith, presented December 16, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Doddridge,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Simeon Woodrow, presented February 15, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Jarvis presented a petition of inhabitants of Prospect, in the State of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Clarissa B. Harrison, widow of the late J. C. S. Harrison, praying that the accounts of her late husband, as Receiver of public money at the land office at Vincennes, may be adjusted on equitable principles; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.



On motion of Mr. Whittlesey,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Edward Livingston, for compensation for a quantity of wood consumed by the army of the United States, presented December 29, 1824, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Biddle presented a petition of Joseph Campau, of the Territory of Michigan, praying to be paid for damages done to his houses by troops of the United States; as, also, for sundry supplies furnished said troops in the year 1814; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Jarvis presented a petition of inhabitants of Prospect West Village, in the State of Maine, praying that their port may be established as a port of delivery; which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Cambreleng.

*Ordered*, That the documents in the case of Henry Eckford, before this House at the last session, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of Moritz Fürst, artist and die-sinker, stating that he has made dies for medals commemorative of the battle of New Orleans, with a likeness of General Jackson, and praying Congress to order a purchase of the said medals; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. William B. Shepard presented a petition of Jesse Perry, of the State of North Carolina, praying for a pension; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Leavitt presented a petition of inhabitants of Jefferson county, in the State of Ohio, praying that the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day may be prohibited; which petition was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Edward D. White presented a memorial of the heirs and representatives of Evan Jones and James Jones, deceased, late of the city of New Orleans, praying that a portion of the public lands may be granted to them, in lieu of certain lands claimed by them under patents granted by the British Government; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Test presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Elkhart and St. Joseph's, in the State of Indiana, praying that a land office may be established at the southern bend of the St. Joseph's river.

Mr. Test also presented a petition of inhabitants of the northern section of the State of Indiana, praying that the district in which they reside may be attached to the land district of Fort Wayne.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 254) to establish an additional land office in the State of Indiana.

Mr. Wickliffe presented petitions from inhabitants of the town of Frankfort, and of the county of Bullett, in the State of Kentucky, praying that provision may be made for further improving the navigation of the river Ohio; which petitions were referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Buchanan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which the subject was referred on the 17th instant, reported a bill (No. 513) to extend the act, entitled "An act for further extending the powers of the judges of the superior court of the Territory of Arkansas, under the act of the 26th of May, 1824, and for other purposes;" which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Buchanan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which the subject was referred on the 21st instant, reported a bill (No. 514) to alter the time of holding the district court of the United States for the northern district of Alabama; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Buchanan, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of John Powell, reported a bill (No. 515) authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to John Powell; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Wednesday next.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a joint resolution in relation to the transmission of public documents printed by order of either House of Congress; which resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Lawe; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Abel Griggs; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. De Witt, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Mrs. Frances Moore, executrix of John Elias Moore, deceased; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Albert Pawling, and that the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the 17th instant on the memorial of certain officers of the army of the revolution.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. Taylor on the 23d instant, upon the subject of a digested index of public documents: when

A motion was made by Mr. Polk, that the further consideration of the said resolution be postponed indefinitely;

And the question being put on this motion,

It passed in the affirmative.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Johns on the 24th instant, that the House do reconsider the vote by which it agreed to the resolution moved by Mr. Haynes on the 23d instant, declaring "that, during the trial of the impeachment now pending before the Senate, this House will meet daily at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon; and that, from day to day, it will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and attend the said trial during the continuance thereof, and until the conclusion of the same."

A motion was made by Mr. Irvin, of Ohio, that the further consideration of the said motion be postponed until Monday next, the 3d of January, 1831: when it was,

On motion of Mr. Sterigere,

*Ordered*, That the motion made by Mr. Johns to reconsider as aforesaid, do lie on the table.

Mr. Haynes, by leave, moved the following resolution: which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to this House such information as the Department may furnish, touching the cost of brown and white sugar imported into the United States from

the year 1794 to 1830, inclusive, at the places from whence imported, distinguishing the prices of each year, respectively;

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 27. An act for the relief of Henry Becker;

No. 30. An act for the relief of Samuel Nowell;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. I am also directed to inform this House that the Senate is now sitting as a High Court of Impeachment for the trial of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri. And then he withdrew.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against James H. Peck; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Cambreleng, from the said committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial by the Senate of the said impeachment; that further progress had been made therein, and that the Court of Impeachment had adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 12 o'clock meridian.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, eleven o'clock A. M.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1830.

Mr. Grennell presented a petition of Joshua Crosby, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. White, of Florida, presented a petition of Jacob Taylor; praying, respectively, that pensions may be granted them.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Martindale,

*Ordered,* That the petition of Nathan Durkee, presented February 23, 1829, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Yancey,

*Ordered,* That the petition of David Briggs, presented February 5, 1822, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Huntington presented a memorial of Mabel Seymour, of the State of Connecticut, widow and administratrix of Moses Seymour, deceased, praying to be reimbursed the amount expended by the said Moses Seymour in defending a suit brought against him by the United States, in the trial of which suit, in two different cases, judgment passed in his favor; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of Elizabeth Squires, of the city of New York, executrix of Thomas Smith, a seaman, who was lost in the United States' ship *Hornet*, praying that the wages now due for the services of said Smith may be paid to her; which petition was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Hinds presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Jefferson, in the State of Mississippi, praying that so much public land may be granted to the corporation of Zion Hill Church and Union Academy, in said county, as shall include their buildings and the spring adjacent; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Duncan presented a petition of Jane Reynolds and Jesse Reynolds, of the State of Missouri, praying compensation for property destroyed by the Sac and Fox tribes of Indians in the years 1812 and 1813; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Biddle,

*Ordered*, That the petition of De Garmo Jones, presented March 29, 1830, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands, which was instructed, on the 16th instant, to inquire into the expediency of disposing of the surplus land within the Virginia military district, in the State of Ohio, be discharged from the further inquiry, and that the subject be laid on the table.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which the subject was referred on the 21st instant, reported a bill (No. 516) to run and mark the line between Alabama and Florida, and for other purposes; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Blair, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the memorial of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, reported a bill (No. 517) to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road into and within the District of Columbia; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Moses Van Campen, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Storrs, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made a report on the petition of John Rodgers, accompanied by a bill (No. 518) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Charles Collins, and that it lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Territories be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Michigan, referred on the 22d instant, as, also, from memorials of inhabitants of the State of Missouri, referred on the 10th instant; and that the said petition and memorials be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 76) to establish the territorial government of Huron.

Mr. Clark, from the Committee on the Territories, to which the subject was referred on the 10th instant, reported a bill (No. 519) to amend the several acts establishing a territorial government in Florida; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the case of the heirs of Robert Askins, and that the same be referred to the committee appointed on the 17th instant on a memorial of officers of the army of the Revolution.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which the subject was referred on the 23d instant, reported a bill (No. 520) allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places;

which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Buchanan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred so much of the President's message as relates to the office and duties of the Attorney General, reported a bill (No. 521) further to define the duties of the Attorney General and of the Solicitor of the Treasury; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 1,) entitled "An act for the relief of Ransom Mix and Edmund Smith," be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 210) to establish a land office in the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 255) to authorize a change in the disposal of the land granted for the construction of the Illinois and Michigan canal, be discharged, and that the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The resolution moved by Mr. Haynes yesterday, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Hammons,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Jonathan Fogg, a soldier of the Revolution, on the list of revolutionary pensioners.

On motion of Mr. Hunt,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Benjamin Glover, an invalid soldier of the last war.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing a pension to Preserved Redway, a soldier of the Revolution.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Samuel Giles, a soldier of the Revolution, on the pension roll.

Mr. Taylor moved that the House do come to the following order, viz:

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House cause a digested index to the Executive papers, reports of committees, and other documents, from the commencement of the eighteenth to the close of the present Congress, to be prepared and printed for the use of the members.

The said order being read, it was,

On motion of Mr. Polk, referred to the Committee on the Library.

On motion of Mr. Tracy,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be directed to inquire into the propriety of allowing unto Samuel Butler a compensation for a horse, wagon, and harness, taken from him by the British during the last war.

On motion of Mr. Gilmore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Christopher Doughty, a soldier of the revolutionary war, on the pension roll.

Mr. Howard moved that the House do come to the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the following reports, made by the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, on the subject of protecting duties upon manufactures, be printed for the use of the House: report made 10th February, 1802; report made 18th February, 1802; report made 8th March, 1802; report made 16th April, 1802; report made 21st February, 1803; report made 25th February, 1804.

The said resolution being read,

A motion was made by Mr. Speight that it do lie on the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Ramsey to amend the said resolution by adding thereto the following;

"And that, in addition to the usual number, the number of copies be so increased as that the Clerk of this House furnish the Legislatures of the different States, each, with four copies.

Pending the consideration of the question on this amendment,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill (No 32) entitled "An act to rectify the mistake in the name of William Tumey, an invalid pensioner;" in which bill I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. I am also directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is now sitting as a High Court of Impeachment for the trial of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri. And then he withdrew.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against James H. Peck; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial by the Senate of the said impeachment; that further progress had been made therein, and that the Court of Impeachment had adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 12 o'clock meridian.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock A. M.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1830.

Another member, viz:

*From the State of South Carolina*—William D. Martin, appeared, and took his seat.

Mr. Varnum presented a petition of Elisha Bigelow, builder of steam engines, stating that he has discovered a process by which the fatal consequences of the bursting of these engines may be prevented, which he is disposed to make public, if suitably rewarded, and praying to take such order in the premises as shall seem right and proper; which petition was referred to a select committee; and

Mr. Varnum, Mr. Martin, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Finch, and Mr. Test, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of Samuel Wheeler, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, merchant, praying that certain wool imported by him into the United States subsequent to the enactment in 1828 of the tariff of duties on imports, but which was ordered previous to that time, may be charged with the rate of duties specified in the tariff which existed previous to the year 1828.

Mr. Burges presented a petition of Armington and Burrough, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, merchants, praying that a cargo of molasses imported by them subsequent to the enactment in 1828 of the tariff of duties on imports, but which was ordered previous to that time, may be charged with the duties specified in the tariff which existed previous to the year 1828.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of John T. Robertson, of the State of Virginia, surety of James Robertson, jr., late collector of the customs for the port of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, praying to be exonerated from all further responsibility on account of said suretyship when he shall have paid the sum of five thousand dollars, which he has secured to be paid to the United States on that account.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of William Hobby, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying to be paid for extra services performed while a clerk in the office of the Paymaster of the Army of the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Burges presented a petition of Nathaniel Adams, of the State of Rhode Island;

Mr. Finch presented a petition of Beriah Thomas, of the State of New York;

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of Elnathan Finch, of the State of New York;

Mr. Doddridge presented a petition of Beverly Ray, of the State of Virginia;

Mr. Kincaid presented a petition of William Nourse, of the State of Kentucky;

praying, respectively, to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. Brown presented a petition of William Clark, praying for an increase of pension.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Desha,

*Ordered*, That the cases of the undermentioned persons, heretofore presented, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, viz:

Moses Allen, presented February 27, 1830.

Samuel Cochran, presented February 4, 1830.

Samuel Higgason, presented February 4, 1830.

Benjamin Mabary, presented February 1, 1830.

John Martin, presented February 4, 1830.

Thomas Taylor, presented February 4, 1830.

Peter Tuttle, presented February 4, 1830.

John Sloan, presented February 4, 1830.

Mr. Earll presented a petition of Junia Curtis, of the State of New York, praying that a law may be passed to authorize him to bore for salt water, and to erect salt works, on public lands in the Territory of Michigan.

Mr. Vance presented a petition of inhabitants of the southern part of the Territory of Michigan, and of the northern part of the State of Ohio, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of the public lands on which they reside may be granted to them.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Bartley,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William Loughrey, presented December 19, 1823, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Cambreleng,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Alexander Humphrey and Sylvester Humphrey, presented February 6, 1826, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Yancey presented a petition of James Caldwell, of the State of Kentucky, praying to be paid for services as an officer of the militia of Kentucky, in the service of the United States in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. White, of Florida, presented a petition of Jehu Underwood, of the Territory of Florida, praying compensation for property destroyed by the Spanish and Indian forces in the year 1812, in consequence of his joining General Matthews, who was in that year appointed by the Government of the United States to take possession of certain parts of East Florida.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Biddle,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Godfroy and Beaugrand, presented December 24, 1829, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Davenport presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Pittsylvania and Franklin, in the State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hall presented a petition of Midshipmen in the Navy of the United States, praying that a grade of naval office be established, to be called "Sub-Lieutenant," with the emoluments of a Lieutenant of the Navy, by which passed Midshipmen will be placed on a footing of equality with graduates of the Military Academy at West Point; which petition was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Bartley presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Ohio, praying that a survey may be ordered of the mouth of Vermillion river, with a view to the construction of a harbor for vessels; which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Test presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Allen, in the State of Indiana, praying that a certain quantity of public land may be granted to the State of Indiana, to aid that State in constructing a public road from Lawrenceburg to the southern bend of the river St. Joseph; which petition was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. White, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Bernard Marigny, of the State of Louisiana, praying that his title to two tracts of land therein described may be confirmed; which petition was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.



On motion of Mr. Shields,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Matthias Roll, presented December 31, 1827, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of Robert Smith, of the State of Alabama, praying to be paid for three horses which were killed in battle in the war of the Revolution.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of William C. Smith and others, heirs and representatives of Nathan Smith, deceased, late of the State of Kentucky; praying to be paid the commutation of half pay to which the deceased was entitled as a Surgeon in the army of the Revolution.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Irvin, of Ohio,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Persis Lovely, presented December 16, 1829, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the claims of the representatives of Aaron Smith and William Shute; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the claim of John Phillips, administrator of W. Walker, and of John Phillips; which report was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Green Prior; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. McCreery, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Newsum; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Lumpkin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made a report on the petitions of Jonas Fauche, and the heirs and representatives of Milledge Galphin, deceased; which report was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 155) providing for the further adjudication of the claims of citizens of Georgia under the 4th article of the treaty of 1821 with the Creek Indians.

Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 21) entitled "An act granting a pension to Judah Roberts," reported, verbally, against the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 18) entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Fitzgerald," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Trezvant,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the case of David Williams, and that it lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Bockee,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Peter Elmendorff and Thomas Van Gaasbeck, and that the said petition be committed to the Committee appointed on the 17th instant on the petition of sundry revolutionary officers.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. Howard yesterday, ordering the printing of certain reports.

The question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Ramsey, and depending yesterday;

And being put on said amendment,

It was decided in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Speight to amend the said resolution by adding thereto the following, viz:

"Report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the state of the finances, made 13th March, 1828;

"Report of the Committee on Commerce, made 8th February, 1830;"

And on the question to agree to this amendment,

It was decided in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Cambreleng to amend the said resolution by adding thereto the following, viz:

"The Secretary of the Treasury's report of March, 1792;

"The Secretary of State's report of 16th December, 1793."

Pending the consideration of the question on this amendment,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is now sitting as a High Court of Impeachment for the trial of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri. And then he withdrew.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against James H. Peck; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Martin, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial by the Senate of the said impeachment; that further progress had been made therein, and that the Court of Impeachment had adjourned to meet again on Monday next, the 3d January, 1831, at 12 o'clock meridian.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock meridian.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1830.

Mr. McIntire presented a petition of Simeon Moulton, of the State of Maine;

Mr. Anderson presented a petition of soldiers of the army of the Revolution, residing in the county of Oxford, in the State of Maine;

Mr. Broadhead presented a petition of Daniel Cooxford, of the State of New Hampshire;

Mr. Burges presented a petition of John W. Cook, of the State of Rhode Island;

Mr. Ellsworth presented a petition of William Graham, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Cowles presented a petition of Daniel Felton, of the State of New York;

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of Ezra Buell, of the State of New York;

Mr. Lea presented a petition of William King, of the State of Tennessee; Mr. Irvin, of Ohio, presented a petition of John Reynolds, of the State of Ohio;

Mr. Buchanan presented a petition of George Frank, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia;

praying, respectively, to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. McIntire,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William Eaton, of the State of Maine, presented February 1, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Denny presented a petition of Thomas Hanson, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying to be paid for a wagon and team sold to a wagon master for the use of the army of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Duncan presented a petition of William B. Whiteside, of the State of Illinois, praying compensation for his own services as a Captain of a company of spies in the military service of the United States, in the year 1809, as also of five men under his command.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Storrs, of Connecticut,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Louisa Booth, widow of the late Captain Benjamin W. Booth, of the United States Navy, presented December 15, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Crockett presented a petition of John Glasgow, of the State of Tennessee, stating that he purchased of an individual, and paid for, a tract of land lying in the State of Tennessee, which he has since discovered to be the property of the United States; and, as he is poor, and a cripple, and wholly unable to repurchase the same, he prays that the said land may be granted to him; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Bell presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Rutherford, in the State of Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a post route; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Vance presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Ohio, praying that the contemplated change of the location of the Cumberland road, so as that the same shall pass through the towns of Dayton and Eaton, may not be made; which petition was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Thomson, of Ohio,

*Ordered*, That the several petitions from inhabitants of the States of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana, presented at the last session, praying for the construction of a national road from Pittsburg, in Pennsylvania, to the Northwestern Territory, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Kennon presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Belmont, in the State of Ohio, praying that the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day may be prohibited; which petition was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Thomson, of Ohio,

*Ordered*, That the petition of inhabitants of the State of Ohio and Ter-

ritory of Michigan, relative to the boundary line between said State and Territory, presented February 1, 1830, be referred to the Committee on the Territories.

Mr. Coleman presented a petition of Francis Taylor, and Judith Taylor his wife, representatives of Henry Field, deceased, praying to be allowed and paid the half pay to which they are entitled of the said Field, who was an officer in the army of the revolution.

Mr. Patton presented a petition of Angus Rucker, of the State of Virginia, praying to be allowed and paid the commutation of half pay to which he is entitled as an officer in the army of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Daniel,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Burtis Ringo, presented January 16, 1826, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Cambreleng,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, to which is committed the bill (No. 376) to regulate the foreign and coasting trade on the northern and northwestern frontiers of the United States, and for other purposes, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Commerce

Mr. Daniel, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of the sureties of Amos Edwards, accompanied by a bill (No. 522) for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a bill (No. 523) to provide for the adjustment of claims of persons entitled to indemnification under the convention between the United States and his Majesty the King of Denmark, of the 28th March, 1830, and for the distribution among such claimants of the sums to be paid by the Danish Government to that of the United States, according to the stipulation of such convention; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 524) to amend and extend the provisions of the act, approved May 29, 1830, entitled "An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands;" which bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 525) making compensation to the Register and Receiver of public lands at Augusta, in the State of Mississippi, for certain services performed by them; which bill was read the first and second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands, which was instructed, on the 14th instant, to inquire into the expediency of reducing the price of the pine lands of the United States, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands, which was instructed, on the 15th instant, to inquire into the expediency of reviving and continuing in force "An act to extend the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army," approved March 2d, 1827, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Samuel Gibson; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Sterigere, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 596) for the relief of Matthias Roll; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was re-committed the bill to regulate the foreign and coasting trade on the northern and northwestern frontiers of the United States, and for other purposes, reported an amendatory bill; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of ship owners, masters of vessels, commission merchants, and others interested in the security of navigation upon lake Erie, and the rivers and lakes connected therewith, and that the said petition be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Bourne and Thomas Buntin, and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Noah Cowles, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Verplanck, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 598) for the relief of Robertson and Barnwell; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Verplanck, from the same committee, to which was committed the bill from the Senate (No. 3) entitled "An act for the relief of Simeon C. Whittier," reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 25. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for paying to the State of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same;"

No. 26. An act to authorize the State of Illinois to surrender a township of land granted to said State for a seminary of learning, and to locate other lands in lieu thereof;

No. 39. An act for the benefit of schools in Lawrence county, Mississippi;

No. 41. An act concerning the town and village commons in Missouri:

In which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. Howard on the 28th instant, ordering the printing of certain reports.

The question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Cambreleng, and depending yesterday: when

A motion was made by Mr. Drayton, that the said resolution be referred to the Committee on the Library;

And the question being put,

It passed in the affirmative.

**On motion of Mr. Mercer,**

**Ordered**, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, to which is committed the bill (No. 441) confirming certain acts of the Legislature of Virginia, relating to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the said bill be re-committed to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Draper,

**Resolved**, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Grayson court-house to the Seven-mile ford, in the county of Washington, in the State of Virginia.

**On motion of Mr. Drayton.**

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing a certain number of copies of Myer Moses' Collection of the Revenue Laws and Regulations of the United States, for the use of the Library of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Yancey,

**Resolved,** That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to clear out the obstructions to the navigation of Green and Barren rivers, in the State of Kentucky.

**On motion of Mr. Chilton.**

**Resolved**, That the Committee on Public Expenditures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of adopting some uniform mode of computing the distance for which Members of Congress shall be allowed compensation for mileage to and from the seat of Government.

The said resolution being read,

A motion was made by Mr. Jennings, that the said resolution do lie on the table;

**And the question being put,**

**It was decided in the negative,**

{	<b>Yeas,</b>	. . . . .	<b>17,</b>
{	<b>Nays,</b>	. . . . .	<b>160.</b>

**The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,**

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, Robert W. Barnwell, James Buchanan, Edward B. Dudley, Edward Everett, Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hammons, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, William Kennon, Ebenezer F. Norton, Henry R. Storrs, Samuel F. Vinton, Edward D. White, and Richard H. Wilde—17.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Boeke, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Elias Brown, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Harnas Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Dod-

dridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Charles A. Wickliffe, Lewis Williams, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young—160.

'The question was then put to agree to the said resolution,  
And passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Test,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Captain Thomas Porter, of Indiana, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing James Black, of Morgan county, and John McClure, of Limestone county, in the State of Alabama, soldiers of the Revolution, on the pension roll of the United States.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 515. An act to authorize the Secretary of State to issue a patent to John Powell;

No. 514. An act to alter the time of holding the district court of the United States for the district of Alabama;

No. 516. An act to ascertain and mark the line between the State of Alabama and the Territory of Florida, and for other purposes;  
were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bills.

An engrossed joint resolution in relation to the transmission of public documents printed by either House of Congress, was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

*Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:*

No. 27. An act for the relief of Henry Becker;

No. 30. An act for the relief of Samuel Nowell;

No. 25. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for paying to the State of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same;"

No. 26. An act to authorize the State of Illinois to surrender a township of land granted to said State for a seminary of learning, and to locate other lands in lieu thereof;

No. 32. An act to rectify the mistake in the name of William Tumey, an invalid pensioner;

No. 39. An act for the benefit of schools in Lawrence county, Mississippi;

No. 41. An act concerning the town and village commons in Missouri; were, severally, read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 27. }

No. 30. } To the Committee on Military Pensions;

No. 32. }

No. 25. To a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday, the 5th of nuary, 1831;

No. 26. To the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 93) to authorize the exchange of the sixteenth sections granted for the use of common schools, which are unfit for cultivation;

No. 39. }

No. 41. } To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 210) to establish a land office in the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes: And the said bill having been amended, on motions of Mr. Wickliffe and Mr. Duncan, it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

*Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:*

No. 339. An act for the punishment of certain crimes in the District of Columbia;

No. 343. An act making appropriations for the completion and support of the penitentiary in the District of Columbia; were severally read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, and particularly the bill (No. 481) to provide hereafter for the payment of six thousand dollars annually to the Seneca Indians, and for other purposes; which bill he was directed to report to the House without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1830.

Another member, viz:

*From the State of North Carolina*—Edmund Deberry, appeared, and took his seat.



Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Godfrey H. Belding, of the State of New Hampshire, praying for an increase of pension.

Mr. Hammons presented a petition of Benjamin Libbey, of the State of New Hampshire;

Mr. Bailey presented a petition of Oliver Richardson, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Grennell presented a petition of Ichabod Wood, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Crawford presented a petition of Peter P. Dawson, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Sill presented a petition of William McMillan, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Ford presented a petition of Oliver Gates, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Ford presented a petition of James Quick, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Duncan presented a petition of John Emmitt, of the State of Indiana; praying, respectively, to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. Hammons presented a petition of Elizabeth Bennett, widow of a revolutionary officer, stating that she is poor and unable to maintain herself, and praying relief.

Mr. Blair, of South Carolina, presented a petition of John Smith, of the State of South Carolina, praying to be paid the arrearage of pension to which he conceives himself entitled.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

The undermentioned petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, viz :

By Mr. Hammons—the petition of John Taylor, presented December 19, 1828.

By Mr. Bailey—the petition of Elihu Pond, presented December 17, 1829.

By Mr. Kennon—the petition of Charles Waterman, presented April 12, 1830.

Mr. Swift presented a petition of Samuel Buel, late collector of the customs for the district of Vermont, stating that he is confined in prison at the suit of the United States, and praying to be discharged; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a memorial of citizens of the State of New York, unanimously adopted at a public meeting held in the city of New York, on the 28th December, 1830, praying that the claims of James Monroe, late President of the United States, may be speedily settled and adjusted on liberal and equitable principles.

Mr. Doddridge presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Wheeling, in the State of Virginia, praying that efficient measures may be promptly adopted for the improvement of the navigation of the river Ohio, from its sources to Louisville, in Kentucky; which petition was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Crane presented a petition of John Rack and John Walker, executors of the last will and testament of William Stewart, deceased, late of the State of Ohio, stating that said Stewart purchased from the United States a tract of land said to contain one hundred and sixty acres, and for which he

paid; which said tract, in fact, contains only one hundred and thirteen acres; and praying that the excess of purchase money may be repaid to them; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Crane presented a remonstrance of inhabitants of the State of Ohio against the contemplated change in the location of the Cumberland road, so as that Dayton and Eaton, in said State, shall be made points in the said location; which remonstrance was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Duncan,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John Edgar, of the State of Illinois, presented December 15, 1836, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. White, of Florida, presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Pensacola, and county of Escambia, in the Territory of Florida, praying that measures may be adopted to improve the navigation of the rivers Escambia and Conecuh, in said Territory; which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Irvin, of Ohio,

*Ordered*, That the petition of the heirs and representatives of Clement B. Penrose, presented January 25, 1830, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 9. An act to establish ports of delivery at Port Pontchartrain and Delaware city;

No. 40. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Peter Celestino Walker and John Peter Walker, deceased, and of Joseph Walker, of the State of Mississippi;

No. 42. An act for the relief of Jonathan Crocker:

In which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have appointed Mr. Brown and Mr. Willie of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on their part. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Baird; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Thomas Blanchard; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Verplanck, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 528) making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Loyall, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (No. 529) for the relief of Daniel Jackson and Lucius M. Higgins, of Newbern, in North Carolina; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Amariah Squirrell, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Sarah Gray, and that it be referred to the committee appointed on the 17th instant on a memorial of officers of the army of the Revolution.

Mr. Verplanck, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was

referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 24,) entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 8,) entitled "An act for the relief of Lucien Harper," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 27,) entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Becker," reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 32,) entitled "An act to rectify the mistake in the name of William Tumey, an invalid pensioner," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 9. An act to establish ports of delivery at Port Pontchartrain and Delaware city;

No. 40. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Peter Celestino Walker and John Peter Walker, deceased, and of Joseph Walker, of the State of Mississippi;

No. 42. An act for the relief of Jonathan Crocker;  
were, severally, read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 9. To the Committee on Commerce;

No. 40. To the Committee on Private Land Claims;

No. 42. To the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Daniel,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 522) for the relief of the sureties of Amos Edwards, be discharged, and that said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 309) for the relief of the sureties of George Brown, deceased.

On motion of Mr. Wickliffe,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation of money to purchase out the stock in the Louisville and Portland canal, with a view to make the navigation of the said canal free to the commerce of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Resolved*, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to Noah Webster, Esq., author of the American Dictionary, to deliver a discourse, on Monday, the 3d of January, 1831, at 7 o'clock P. M., on the origin, history, and present state of the English language.

On motion of Mr. Lecompte,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to in-

quire into the expediency of placing the name of John McAndrew on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Kennon,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Benjamin Severance, a soldier of the revolutionary war, on the pension roll.

Mr. Whittlesey moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House the names of all persons who have been inscribed on the roll of invalid pensioners, and who have received pensions from the time of being wounded or disabled, or from any time before closing the testimony, together with the time when they were thus inscribed on the roll, the time when they were wounded or disabled, and the dates of their applications, and the dates of closing their testimony.

On motion of Mr. Vance,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be directed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light-house on Turtle island, at the mouth of the Maumee bay; and that the papers heretofore presented, and on the files of this House, on this subject, be again referred to said committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Crockett, that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Grennell on the 4th of May last, that the House do reconsider the vote taken on the 3d May last, on the question, Shall the bill (No. 185) to amend an act authorizing the State of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated lands within the same, passed April 18, 1806, be engrossed and read a third time?

And the question being put, Will the House proceed to the consideration of said motion?

It was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Leavitt,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing compensation to David Goorley, a private in the marine service of the United States, for expenses incurred by him for his passage homeward from the port of Leghorn, at which he was discharged from the service.

Mr. Test moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House any and all correspondence (so far as the same may be done without prejudice to the public interest) by and with either of the Departments, in relation to locating a cession of lands, made, or intended to be made by the Pottawattamie Indians, for the benefit of the State of Indiana, by a treaty concluded with them the 16th of October, 1826, "to be applied toward making a road from lake Michigan, by way of Indianapolis, to some convenient point on the Ohio river;" and to inform this House whether any decision has been made by the Executive in relation to what lands are subject to the above cession, and, if so, when the locations are proposed to be made.

Mr. Jennings moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War communicate to this House such information as he may have in relation to a survey of the northwestern channel of the falls of the Ohio river, and what appropriation may be necessary to remove the obstructions to the descending commerce of the same.

On motion of Mr. Boone,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation, in land or money, for the purpose of improving the United States' post road from Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, through the States of Indiana and Illinois, to St. Louis, in the State of Missouri; and that the memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, in reference to that subject, which was presented to this House at the last session of Congress, be again referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for permitting each settler on such of the public lands as have been officially returned as not fit for cultivation, or not worth surveying, to locate a quantity of said land, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, under such regulations, and at such a price, as the said committee may deem reasonable.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of approving an act of the Governor and Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida, authorizing the opening of a canal between Chipola river and St. Andrew's bay, in West Florida.

On motion of Mr. McIntire,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting pensions to Ralph Farnham, Charles G. Clark, Ichabod Smith, Edward Morrison, Mark Prime, and Moses Foy, soldiers of the revolutionary army.

On motion of Mr. Gorham,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to be admitted into the United States free of duty all such philosophical and astronomical instruments as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or its agents, have ordered, or may order, to be imported, for the purpose of being used in making a survey of the territory of that State.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

*Ordered*, That the letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a copy of the report of the survey of North river, in the State of Massachusetts, laid before the House on the 26th of February, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The resolution moved by Mr. Pearce on the 22d instant, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing Archibald Jackson his pension from 1818 to 1828, when his name was again placed on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Finch,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for the relief of that class of

revolutionary soldiers which, at the passage of the law of 1818, were not resident citizens of the United States, but who have never become citizens or subjects of any foreign State, and who have resided within the limits of the United States for the term of two years last past.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for building a light-house on or near Horse island, near Sackett's Harbor, in the State of New York, and that the petition and documents presented to this House at the last session of Congress be referred to that committee.

On motion of Mr. Storrs, of New York,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the propriety of granting a pension to Zenas Gibbs, for his services in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Verplanck moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to report to this House such alterations in the fees of District Attorneys, and other officers of the United States' courts, as may, in his opinion, be expedient to produce uniformity in the fee bill, and diminish the expense of suits against debtors of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Gilmore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing John Myers, a soldier of the revolutionary war, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Forward,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Daniel McClelland, a captain in the revolution, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. McCoy,

*Ordered*, That when this House shall adjourn this day, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next, the 3d of January, 1831.

On motion of Mr. Doddridge,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the Judge of the western district of Virginia, and, also, of changing the time of holding the court in the said district.

On motion of Mr. White, of Louisiana,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having an examination and report made of the dike or levee of Bonnet-Carre Point, in the State of Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Blair, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 517) to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road into and within the District of Columbia, be discharged.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 330) for the relief of James Monroe, be discharged, and that the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Lent presented a petition of inhabitants of the city of New York, and of Long Island, praying Congress to direct a survey of the islet in the town of Southhold, in the county of Suffolk, in the State of New York, with a view of constructing a harbor for the protection of vessels navigating Long Island sound.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Cambreleng,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James Caze and John Richaud, presented February 7, 1820, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Hoffman presented a petition of Joseph Emerson, of the State of New York, stating that in 1796 he rendered certain services to the Government of France, for which he has been unable to obtain compensation, and praying the interference of the Government of the United States in his behalf; which petition was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of John Haggerty and David Austin, of the city of New York, merchants, praying to be indemnified in the damage they have sustained by reason of sundry suits instituted against them by the United States, on account of teas imported by a certain Edward Thompson, of Philadelphia, in which suits the United States failed to recover judgment for any part or portion of the matter in controversy; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Condict,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John P. Gracia, of the city of New York, merchant, presented January 28, 1830, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Norton presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Erie, in the State of New York, praying that an act may be passed granting assistance to such officers and soldiers of militia as served in the war of the Revolution.

Mr. Lea presented a petition of George Doherty, of the State of Tennessee, praying compensation for arms and other property furnished the United States in the war of the Revolution, as also for compensation for personal services as an officer in said war.

Mr. Edward Everett presented a petition of Thomas Hopping and Joshua P. Frothingham, of the State of Massachusetts, heirs at law of Thomas Frothingham, deceased, praying compensation for property destroyed by the American forces in the war of the Revolution, to prevent the same falling into the possession of the British forces.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Powers presented a petition of Bar. J. Van Valkenburg, of the State of New York, stating that he was an officer in the army of the Revolution, and that the warrant for his bounty land has been surreptitiously taken from the War Department, and praying that a new warrant may be granted to him; which petition was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Hawkins presented a petition of James H. Henderson, of the State of New York, praying to be permitted to erect a pier or piers on certain shoals adjoining Horse island, in lake Ontario, on the conditions therein specified, which pier or piers are to be used in his business of the white fish fishery.

Mr. White, of Florida, presented a petition of David McCaleb, of the

Jonathan Congdon, and a petition of Nathan Leonard, all of the State of Rhode Island;

Mr. Noyes Barber presented a petition of Daniel Penhallow, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Cahoon presented a petition of Edmund Town, of the State of Vermont;

Mr. Powers presented a petition of Jesse Thompson, of the State of New York;

Mr. Storrs, of New York, presented a petition of Alfred Baldwin, of the State of New York;

praying, respectively, to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of James Trowbridge, of the State of New Hampshire, praying for an increase of pension.

Mr. Halsey presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Ontario, in the State of New York, praying that the bill which passed this House at the last session, extending the provisions of the pension laws of the United States to the officers and soldiers of the militia who served in the revolutionary army, may be revived and passed at this session of Congress.

Mr. Storrs, of New York, presented a petition of the inhabitants of the county of Oneida, in the State of New York, praying that a pension may be granted to Jabez Winchester, of said county.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of William Baylis, of the State of Kentucky, praying for an increase of pension.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

The undermentioned petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, viz:

By Mr. Swift—The petition of Joseph House, presented April 5, 1830;

By Mr. Shields—The petition of Isaac Anderson, presented February 22, 1830;

By Mr. Dwight—

The petition of Andrew Andrews, presented December 15, 1829;

The petition of Julius Beach, presented January 25, 1830;

The petition of Lyman Hall, presented January 12, 1829;

The petition of Josiah Hill, presented March 22, 1830;

The petition of Samuel Pelton, presented February 8, 1830;

The petition of Stephen Stevens, presented December 15, 1829;

The petition of Asher Sedgwick, presented December 8, 1828.

Mr. William L. Storrs presented a petition of inhabitants of East Haddam, in the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Earll presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Onondaga and Cortlandt, in the State of New York;

Mr. Fry presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Lehigh and Schuylkill, in the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Semmes presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Charles, in the State of Maryland;

Mr. Clay presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Lauderdale, in the State of Alabama;

praying, respectively, for the establishment of post routes.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of masters of vessels and steamboats navigating Hudson river, praying that a light-house may be erected on the point of Esopus Meadows.



Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which the subject was referred on the 17th ultimo, reported a bill (No. 533) to extend the time for entering certain donation claims to land in the Territory of Arkansas; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petitions of Joseph C. Belt and George Stockton; which report was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 245) for the relief of John Sapp.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the case of George Mayfield; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, which was instructed, on the 17th ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of extending the provisions of the pension laws so as to embrace the militia in the service of any of the States during the revolutionary war," made an adverse report thereon; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, which was instructed, on the 21st instant, "to inquire into the expediency of extending the provisions of the pension laws to all the surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the revolution who served for the period of time therein specified," reported a bill (No. 534) to explain and amend the several acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 30,) entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Nowell," reported the same without amendment, and recommended that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 39,) entitled "An act for the benefit of schools in Lawrence county, Mississippi," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The resolution moved by Mr. Verplanck on the 31st ultimo, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. Whittlesey on the 31st ultimo, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. Jennings on the 31st ultimo, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. Test on the 31st ultimo, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. McIntire,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making appropriation by law for the payment of the amount due on a prize certificate issued from the War Office of the United States, under date of the 29th of April, 1780, for five hundred dollars, with interest annually, payable to Thomas Cutts or bearer, numbered 228.

Mr. Richardson moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business be instructed to inquire whether any measures may be devised and adopted to expedite the business before this House, and to report thereon by resolve or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That the said resolution do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Everett, of Vermont,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for making a survey of a rail road from Boston to Ogdensburg, in the State of New York.

Mr. Storrs, of New York, moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House (if, in his opinion, it may be done without injury to the public interest) copies of the correspondence which may have been had between the American Minister at London and the Government of his Britannic Majesty, since the 4th day of March, 1829, relative to the opening of the ports of the United States to British vessels coming from the British West India colonies, and relative to the terms and conditions on which the importation into the said colonies of the productions of the United States might be allowed in American vessels.

On motion of Mr. Gilmore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Elections be directed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law for taking evidence in case of contested elections of members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses.

On motion of Mr. McCreery,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making such alterations in the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the revolution," approved May 15, 1828, as to exclude from its provisions all officers who were commissioned after the first day of December, 1781, who were not in the service prior to the date of their commissions.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the High Court of Impeachment have adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

A motion was made by Mr. Johns, that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the motion made by him on the 24th ultimo, that the House do reconsider the vote taken on the 23d instant, on a motion made by Mr. Haynes, by which the House agreed to meet at 11 o'clock A. M. during the pendency of the trial of the impeachment of James H. Peck before the Senate, and at 12 o'clock to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and attend, in the Senate chamber, the trial of the said impeachment;

And the question being put, Will the House now proceed to the consideration of the said motion to reconsider?

It passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	117,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	58.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. William G. Angel, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noye Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, James Buchanan,

Tristram Burges, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chilton, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Joseph Hawkins, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Adam King, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, Rufus McIntire, Ebenezer F. Norton, John Mercer Patton, Dutce J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, William Russell, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thompson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Joel Yancey.—117.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, John Anderson, Benedict Arnold, Robert W. Barnwell, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, James Blair, John Broadhead, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard Coulter, Jacob Crocheron, Robert Desha, Henry W. Dwight, Jonas Earll, jr., Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, Benjamin Gorham, Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Charles E. Haynes, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Peter Ihrle, jr., Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, James Lent, Wilson Lumpkin, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Henry R. Storrs, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Edward D. White, and Richard H. Wilde.—58.

The House then proceeded in the consideration of the said motion, made by Mr. Johns: when

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman that the said motion to reconsider do lie on the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	55,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	111.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, Benedict Arnold, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, John Broadhead, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Henry B. Cowles, Jacob Crocheron, Robert Desha, Edward B. Dudley, Jonas Earll, jr., Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, Benjamin Gorham, Innis Green, Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Charles E. Haynes, Michael Hoffman, Jonathan Hunt, Joseph G. Kendall, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, James Lent, Wilson Lumpkin, Alem Marr, William D. Martin, William McCreery, William McCoy, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, and Richard H. Wilde.—55.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William G. Angel, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chilton, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Joseph H. Crauc, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin B. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, George Grennell, jr., Joseph Hawkins, James L. Hodges, Henry Hubbard, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., William Kennon, John Kincaid, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Ebenezer F. Norton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, William Russel, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—111.

The House then again resumed the consideration of the said motion, and the question being put, Will the House reconsider the said vote?

It passed in the affirmative.

The question then again recurred to agree to the motion made by Mr. Haynes on the 23d of December; and, after debate thereon, the hour arrived for passing to the orders of the day: when

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 2. An act to provide for the further compensation of the Marshal of the district of Rhode Island;

No. 20. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Rollins;

No. 28. An act for the relief of John Brahan and John Read;

No. 35. An act to authorize the transportation of merchandise by land or by water, with the benefit of debenture;

No. 43. An act supplemental to an act, passed on the 31st March, 1830, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the public sales of lands of the United States."

No. 47. An act to amend the "Act to quiet the titles of certain purchasers of lands between the lines of Ludlow and Roberts in the State of Ohio," approved 26th May, 1830;

No. 50. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make compensation to the heirs of Taliaferro Livingston and Francis W. Armstrong for the maintenance of fifteen Africans illegally imported into the United States; in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill swere severally read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 2. } To the Committee on the Judiciary;  
No. 50. }

No. 20. To the Committee on Commerce;

No. 28. } To the Committee on the Public Lands;  
No. 43. }

No. 35. To the Committee on Commerce.

No. 47. To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Two messages, in writing, were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, as follows:

#### FIRST MESSAGE.

#### *To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I transmit herewith to Congress a copy of a correspondence which lately passed between Major General Von Scholten, his Danish Majesty's Governor General of his West India possessions, and special Minister to the United States, and Mr. Van Buren, Secretary of State, concerning the regulation of the commercial intercourse between those possessions and the United States; which comprehends the propositions that General Von Scholten made to this Government, in behalf of his sovereign, upon that subject, and the answers of the Secretary of State to the same; the last showing the grounds upon which this Government declined acceding to the overtures of the Danish Envoy.

This correspondence is now submitted to the two Houses of Congress in compliance with the wish and request of General Von Scholten himself, and under the full persuasion, upon my part, that it will receive all the attention and consideration to which the very friendly relations than have so long subsisted between the United States and the King of Denmark especially entitle it in the councils of this Union.

ANDREW JACKSON.

WASHINGTON, 31st December, 1830.

*Ordered,* That the said message be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

## SECOND MESSAGE.

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I communicate to Congress the papers relating to the recent arrangement with Great Britain with respect to the trade between her colonial possessions and the United States, to which reference was made in my message at the opening of the present session.

It will appear from those documents that, owing to the omission in the act of the 29th of May last of a clause expressly restricting importations into the British colonies in American vessels to the productions of the United States; to the amendment engrafted upon that act in the House of Representatives, providing that, when the trade with the West India colonies should be opened, the commercial intercourse of the United States with all other parts of the British dominions or possessions should be left on a footing not less favorable to the United States than it now is; and to the act not specifying the terms upon which British vessel coming from the northern colonies should be admitted to entry into the ports of the United States, an apprehension was entertained by the Government of Great Britain, that, under the contemplated engagement, claims might be set up on our part inconsistent with the propositions submitted by our Minister, and with the terms to which she was willing to agree; and that this circumstance led to explanations between Mr. McLane and the Earl of Aberdeen, respecting the intentions of Congress, and the true construction to be given to the act referred to.

To the interpretation given by them to that act, I did not hesitate to agree. It was quite clear that, in adopting the amendment referred to, Congress could not have intended to preclude future alterations in the existing intercourse between the United States and other parts of the British dominions; and the supposition that the omission to restrict, in terms, the importations to the productions of the country to which the vessels belong, was intentional, was precluded by the propositions previously made by this Government to that of Great Britain, and which were before Congress at the time of the passage of the act; by the principles which govern the maritime legislation of the two countries, and by the provisions of the existing commercial treaty between them.

Actuated by this view of the subject, and convinced that it was in accordance with the real intentions of Congress, I felt it my duty to give effect to the arrangement, by issuing the required proclamation, of which a copy is likewise herewith communicated.

ANDREW JACKSON.

WASHINGTON, 3d January, 1831.

*Ordered*, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on Commerce; and that six thousand copies thereof be printed for the use of the members of this House.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the engrossed bill, (No. 501) entitled "An act for the relief of Bernard Kelley."

The question was stated, Shall the bill pass?

And after debate thereon, the previous question was called for by Mr. Pearce; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 39,  
 { Nays, . . . . . 115.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Elias Brown, Clement C. Clay, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Charles E. Haynes, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, William McCrery, Charles F. Mercer, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, William Russel, Augustine H. Shepperd, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, James Standefer, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James M. Wayne, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, and Joel Yancey.—39.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Baranwell, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, John Broadhead, James Buchanan, Samuel Butman, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, John D. Dickinson, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, James Ford, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, George Grennell, jr., Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Jacob C. Isacks, Jonathan Jennings, Cave Johnson, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, George Loyall, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, John Mercer Patton, Isaac Pier-son, Robert Potter, John Reed, Abraham Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson.—115.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock meridian.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1831.

Another member, viz:

*From the State of Virginia*—Thomas T. Bouldin, appeared, and took his seat.

Mr. Anderson presented a memorial of the Marine Society of the State of Maine, remonstrating against the establishment of any additional light-houses in the vicinity of the harbor of Portland, in said State; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Storrs, of New York, presented a petition of Asa Hamlin, of the State of New York, praying to be restored to the roll of revolutionary pensioners.

Mr. Swan presented a petition of John Van Kirk, of the State of New Jersey, praying to be placed on the pension list.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Pearce presented a petition of Nancy Thompkins, of the State of Rhode Island, mother of John Place, a seaman, who was killed in the action between the United States' sloop of war Hornet and the British ship of war Peacock, in the late war, praying to be placed on the list of naval pensioners.

Mr. Williams presented a memorial of the Midshipmen in the Navy of the United States, praying that the grade of Sub-Lieutenant in the Navy may be established, with the pay and emoluments of a Lieutenant.

*Ordered*, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. White, of New York, presented a memorial of officers of the army of the United States in the late war between the United States and Great Britain, praying that land may be granted to officers of that army, in consideration of their services.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of William Matherson, of the State of Alabama, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of a certain tract of public land may be granted to him, upon which land he has erected a grist and saw mill.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Finch,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James Danley, presented December 5, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Henry Bedinger, presented February 22, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a memorial of John Hone, Myndert Van Schaick, Isaac S. Hone, and Henry Hone, of the city of New York, merchants, praying to be indemnified in the damage they have sustained by reason of sundry suits instituted against them in behalf of the United States, to recover certain teas imported by Edward Thomson, of Philadelphia, in which suits the United States failed to recover judgment for any part or portion of the matter in controversy; which memorial was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Denny presented a petition of inhabitants of Beaver county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day may be prohibited; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Whittlesey presented a memorial of inhabitants of the town of Aurora, in the county of Portage, in the State of Ohio, praying that the Indians in the southern section of the Union may be protected in all their rights, and allowed to remain in peaceable possession of their lands.



Mr. Lewis presented a memorial of the head men and warriors of that part of the Creek nation of Indians desirous of emigrating to the west of the river Mississippi, praying that measures may be adopted for their speedy removal, upon the terms heretofore held out to them, or that they may be indemnified for the injuries and damage they have sustained by a compliance on their part with the offers and proposals of the Government of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sevier presented a document in relation to a claim of Stephen Vauguine, on account of depredations committed by Indians; which document was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Creighton,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James Sharp, presented January 30, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Lewis presented a memorial of inhabitants of the State of Alabama, praying that the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day may be prohibited; which memorial was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Duncan presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Schuyler, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a post route; which petition was laid on the table.

Mr. White, of Florida, presented a petition of John Underwood, of the Territory of Florida, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained by acts of the agent of the United States in that Territory, in the year 1812; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Doddridge presented a memorial of the Directors of the Columbia Turnpike Road Company in the District of Columbia, praying that said company may be indemnified in any damage it may sustain by reason of the construction of a branch of the Ohio and Baltimore rail road into and within the District of Columbia; which memorial was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Borst,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Reuben Finch, presented January 11, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 20) entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Rollins," reported the said bill without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Buchanan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 2.) entitled "An act to provide for the further compensation of the Marshal of the district of Rhode Island," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Gideon Davis, also from the further consideration of the petition of the practitioners of law in the courts of Virginia west of the Alleghany mountains, and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from Senate, (No. 42) entitled "An act for the relief of Jonathan Crocker," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 43) entitled "An act supplemental to an act, passed on the 31st of March, 1830, entitled 'An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the public sales of lands of the United States,'" reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday, the 11th day of the present month of January.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands, which was instructed, on the 24th of December ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law the Registers and Receivers of the several land offices to correct mistakes made in entering any portion of the public lands, whenever sufficient testimony be produced of such mistakes having been made, provided that the lands so intended to be entered shall not have been previously entered by another person," be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands, which was instructed, on the 17th of December ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of extending the confirmations of the inhabitants of Prairie du Chien, in the Territory of Michigan, in such manner as to embrace a portion of woodland," be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Brahan, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of inhabitants of the county of Jefferson, in the State of Mississippi, and that it lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel A. Edmondson, and from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Fox; and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Elizabeth Bennett, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Storrs, of New York, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to the fifth census, to which was referred the petition of inhabitants of the county of Schenectady, in the State of New York, made an unfavorable report thereon; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Storrs, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 535) to amend the act for taking the fifth census; which bill was read the first and second time, amended, and was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, of Georgia,

*Ordered*, That the bill (No. 168) to provide more effectually for the national defence, by organizing, arming, and establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States, and to provide for the disciplining thereof, be recommitted to the Committee on the Militia.

The House resumed the reconsideration of the resolution moved by Mr. Haynes on the 23d of December ultimo, "that, during the trial of the im-

peachment now pending before the Senate, this House will meet daily at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon; and that, from day to day, it will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, and attend said trial during the continuance thereof, and until the conclusion of the same;"

And the question being put, that the House do, on reconsideration, agree to pass the same,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 69,  
Nays, . . . . . 118.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, Benedict Arnold, Robert W. Barnwell, Mordecai Bartley, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, James Blair, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Henry B. Cowles, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, John D. Dickinson, Clement Dorsey, Edward B. Dudley, Henry W. Dwight, Jonas Earll, jr., Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, Henry H. Gurley, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinde, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Peter Ihrie, jr., Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, James Lent, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Robert Potter, Gershom Powers, William Rarnsey, John Reed, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Joseph F. Wingate.—

69. Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. Baylor, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Thomas Chilton, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Charles G. De Witt, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, William F. Gordon, Benjamin Gorham, George Grennell, jr., Joseph Hawkins, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Adam King, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallery, Asem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, Rufus McIntire, Ebenezer F. Norton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, James F. Randolph, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry,

William L. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—118.

The resolution moved by Mr. Storrs, of New York, yesterday, and laid on the table, was read, and again laid on the table.

Mr. Johns then moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That a message be sent by the Clerk of this House, informing the Senate that the House of Representatives decline further attendance during the trial of the impeachment of Judge Peck, until further notice.

A motion was made by Mr. Haynes to amend the said resolution by striking out the words "*until further notice*," which motion was disagreed to by the House.

Mr. Storrs, of New York, then moved to amend the said resolution, by striking out all after the word "*Resolved*," and inserting the following:

"That the managers appointed to conduct the impeachment of James H. Peck be instructed to attend the trial of the said impeachment at such times as the Senate shall appoint for that purpose, and that the attendance of the House be dispensed with until otherwise ordered by the House, and that the clerk communicate this resolution to the Senate."

This amendment Mr. Johns accepted as a modification of his resolution, and modified his said resolution accordingly.

The question was then put to agree to the said resolution as modified,

And passed in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill (No. 533) entitled "An act to extend the time for entering certain donation claims to land in the Territory of Arkansas, was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 39) entitled "An act for the benefit of schools in Lawrence county, Mississippi," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting a report from the Register and Receiver of the land office at St. Helena, in Louisiana, upon certain claims to land therein mentioned, made in obedience to the act of the 28th of May, 1830; which letter and report were referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By leave, the following resolutions were moved and adopted, viz:

On motion of Mr. Carson,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing an assay office in the gold region of the south.

And Mr. Carson, Mr. Verplanck, Mr. Foster, Mr. Bouldin, and Mr. Rencher, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Martin,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the propriety of placing John Taylor, of Orangeburg district, in the State of South Carolina, on the pension list.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 517) to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, into and within the District of Columbia: when,

A motion being made by Mr. Semmes to amend the said bill,  
It was,

On motion of Mr. Strong,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The special orders of the day being moved, it was

*Ordered*, That all orders be postponed, so that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, for the purpose of taking into consideration, in committee, the bill (No. 480) for closing certain accounts, and making appropriations for arrearages, in the Indian Department, and the bill from the Senate making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Polk reported that the committee had, according to order, had the aforesaid bills under consideration; which bills he was directed to report to the House without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the bill, (No. 480) for closing certain accounts, and making appropriations for arrearages, in the Indian Department, be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow; and that the bill from the Senate (No. 24) making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, be also read a third time to-morrow.

The consideration of the special orders of the day was again moved: when

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman, that the consideration of the said special orders be postponed, for the purpose of taking into consideration the bill (No. 507) to authorize the construction of three schooners for the naval service of the United States.

A division of the question on this motion being called for,

The question was put on so much thereof as proposes to postpone the special orders of the day;

And was decided in the negative.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill (No. 512) for the relief of the legal representatives of Edward Moore, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Speight reported the said bill without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 255) to authorize a change in the disposal of the land granted for the construction of the Illinois and Michigan canal;

And a motion was made by Mr. Mercer to amend the said bill;

And, pending the consideration of the said motion,

The House adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock meridian.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1831.

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of John and Benjamin Wells, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying to be paid the drawback of duties on certain goods by them exported, which is withheld because the oath required by law was omitted to be taken within the prescribed time; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Samuel Lacount, of the State of New Hampshire, praying for an increase of pension.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of James Trowbridge, of the State of New Hampshire, praying for an increase of pension..

Mr. Reed presented a petition of Henry Hall, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Barber, of Connecticut, presented a petition of Jonathan Rathbone, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Finch presented a petition of John A. Ferris, of the State of New York;

Mr. Finch presented a petition of Frederick Perrigo, of the State of New York;

Mr. Martindale presented a petition of Solomon Emmons, of the State of New York;

Mr. Creighton presented a petition of Francis Bashford, of the State of Ohio;

Mr. Creighton presented a petition of James Dalgarn, of the State of Ohio;

praying, respectively, to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Kennon,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John Copeland, presented December 30, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Swift presented a petition of Martin D. Follet, of the State of Vermont praying to be paid for property of which he was plundered during the late war with Great Britain, in consequence of his well known attachment to the interest and cause of his country.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Thomas Armstrong, and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Fletcher, wife of Josiah Fletcher, deceased, of the State of Alabama, praying to be paid for injuries sustained by the said Josiah Fletcher, deceased, by the depredations of hostile Creek Indians, during the war with the Creek nation of Indians.

Mr. McCreery presented a petition of James Templeton, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying to be paid for services rendered as a soldier in the army of the United States in the year 1791.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. White, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Jumonville De Viller, presented February 23, 1824, and the petition of Madame Le Compte Piernas, presented December 12, 1825, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Hunting-ton, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Davenport presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Pittsylvania and Henry, in the State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sill presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Venango, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day may be prohibited; which petition was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Washington presented a memorial of the President and Directors of the Alexandria Canal Company, praying Congress to authorize a subscription to the capital stock of said company, on behalf of the Government of the United States; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. William B. Shepard presented a petition of David Lindsey, of the State of South Carolina, praying for a pension; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Russel presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Ohio, praying that a national road may be constructed from Zanesville, in Ohio, to Florence, in Alabama; which petition was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

The Speaker presented a second petition of Salvator Pinistri, theoretical and practical Italian architect, praying to be employed to make such alterations in the hall of the House as he alleges will remedy the supposed defect in the distinct transmission of sounds within the same; which petition was committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 470) making appropriations for the public buildings.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Albert P. Rusco; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Foster, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of Eleanor Worthington, executrix, and James T. Worthington, executor, of Thomas Worthington, deceased, accompanied by a bill (No. 536) for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dudley, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Hopkins Rice, accompanied by a bill (No. 537) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Verplanck, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 538) making appropriations for revolutionary and invalid pensioners; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Peter Williams; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Sterigere, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report on the petition of James Caulfield; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Taylor, of New Hampshire, and that it lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the "joint resolution in relation to the transmission of public documents printed by either House of Congress." The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 4 An act to authorize the mounting and equipment of a part of the army of the United States;

No. 51. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for paying to the States of Missouri, Mississippi, and Alabama, three per centum of the nett proceeds arising from the sales of public lands within the same;"

No. 54. An act to repeal the charges imposed on passports and clearances, and the duties on spices;

No. 55. An act for the relief of William Christy;

No. 56. An act supplementary to the several laws for the sale of the public lands;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Speight moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to this House what progress has been made towards removing the obstructions at the Swash near Ocracock bar, in the State of North Carolina; the amount of expenditures heretofore made, and whether or not a further appropriation will be required.

Mr. Tucker moved the following resolutions as amendments to the resolution reported by Mr. McDuffie, from a select committee, on the 22d of December ultimo, to amend the constitution of the United States:

*Resolved*, That no person who shall hereafter be elected President of the United States, and who shall accept the same, or exercise the powers thereof, shall be again eligible to the said office.

*Resolved*, That any person who shall be elected President of the United States after the 4th day of March, 1833, shall hold his office for the term of five years.

Mr. Trezvant moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That a committee shall be added to the standing committees to be appointed at the commencement of each session, which shall be called the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all such matters respecting invalid pensions as shall be referred to them by the House.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions, at the end of the present session, shall be abolished, and a committee shall be appointed at the commencement of each session, which shall be called the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions; and that it shall be the duty of said committee to take into consideration all such matters respecting pensions for services in the revolutionary war, other than invalid pensions, as shall be referred to them by the House.

Mr. Wayne moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to furnish this House with an abstract and copies of all accounts of expenditures of the appropriation of fifty thousand dollars for clearing out obstructions in Savannah river, below the city of Savannah, with copies of all contracts made, and estimates handed in, to remove obstructions in the river, or to deepen the same, with the estimate of William C. Daniel, and Gill, Esqs. for constructing a dam of oyster shells between Fig and Hutchinson's islands; the expenditures on account of the same, with a copy of the report of the United States' Commissioners made in July, 1830, as to the increased depth of water which had been obtained, with the evidence which accompanied the same, and copies of all correspondence relating to the past or future expenditure of said appropriation, or agency for disbursing the same, which may not have been already published.

Mr. Chilton moved the following resolution:

*Resolved* That the Committee on Public Expenditures be instructed



to inquire into the expediency of adopting some regulation by which members of each branch of the national legislature shall receive the allowance of eight dollars per day only for the number of days of each session on which they shall have been in actual attendance upon the service of the House to which they may belong, unless absent by reason of sickness, or by leave of the House upon the business of the House, or when the same shall not be in session.

The said resolution being read,

The question was put, Will the House agree to the same?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 157,  
Nays, . . . . . 21.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Rutliff Boon, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Charles E. Haynes, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Gershom Powers, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, Joel Yancey, Ebenezer Young.—157.

Mr. Anderson presented a memorial of the Marine Society of the State of Maine, remonstrating against the establishment of any additional light-houses in the vicinity of the harbor of Portland, in said State; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Storrs, of New York, presented a petition of Asa Hamlin, of the State of New York, praying to be restored to the roll of revolutionary pensioners.

Mr. Swan presented a petition of John Van Kirk, of the State of New Jersey, praying to be placed on the pension list.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Pearce presented a petition of Nancy Thompkins, of the State of Rhode Island, mother of John Place, a seaman, who was killed in the action between the United States' sloop of war Hornet and the British ship of war Peacock, in the late war, praying to be placed on the list of naval pensioners.

Mr. Williams presented a memorial of the Midshipmen in the Navy of the United States, praying that the grade of Sub-Lieutenant in the Navy may be established, with the pay and emoluments of a Lieutenantcy.

*Ordered*, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. White, of New York, presented a memorial of officers of the army of the United States in the late war between the United States and Great Britain, praying that land may be granted to officers of that army, in consideration of their services.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of William Matherson, of the State of Alabama, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of a certain tract of public land may be granted to him, upon which land he has erected a grist and saw mill.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Finch,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James Danley, presented December 5, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

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Mr. Sevier presented a document in relation to a claim of Stephen Vauguine, on account of depredations committed by Indians; which document was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Creighton,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James Sharp, presented January 30, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Lewis presented a memorial of inhabitants of the State of Alabama, praying that the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day may be prohibited; which memorial was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Duncan presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Schuyler, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a post route; which petition was laid on the table.

Mr. White, of Florida, presented a petition of John Underwood, of the Territory of Florida, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained by acts of the agent of the United States in that Territory, in the year 1812; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Doddridge presented a memorial of the Directors of the Columbia Turnpike Road Company in the District of Columbia, praying that said company may be indemnified in any damage it may sustain by reason of the construction of a branch of the Ohio and Baltimore rail road into and within the District of Columbia; which memorial was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Borst,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Reuben Finch, presented January 11, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 20) entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Rollins," reported the said bill without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Buchanan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 2.) entitled "An act to provide for the further compensation of the Marshal of the district of Rhode Island," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Gideon Davis, also from the further consideration of the petition of the practitioners of law in the courts of Virginia west of the Alleghany mountains, and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from Senate, (No. 42) entitled "An act for the relief of Jonathan Crocker," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 43) entitled "An act supplemental to an act, passed on the 31st of March, 1830, entitled 'An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the public sales of lands of the United States,'" reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday, the 11th day of the present month of January.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands, which was instructed, on the 24th of December ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law the Registers and Receivers of the several land offices to correct mistakes made in entering any portion of the public lands, whenever sufficient testimony be produced of such mistakes having been made, provided that the lands so intended to be entered shall not have been previously entered by another person," be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands, which was instructed, on the 17th of December ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of extending the confirmations of the inhabitants of Prairie du Chien, in the Territory of Michigan, in such manner as to embrace a portion of woodland," be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Brahan, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of inhabitants of the county of Jefferson, in the State of Mississippi, and that it lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel A. Edmondson, and from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Fox; and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Elizabeth Bennett, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Storrs, of New York, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to the fifth census, to which was referred the petition of inhabitants of the county of Schenectady, in the State of New York, made an unfavorable report thereon; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Storrs, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 535) to amend the act for taking the fifth census; which bill was read the first and second time, amended, and was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, of Georgia,

*Ordered*, That the bill (No. 168) to provide more effectually for the national defence, by organizing, arming, and establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States, and to provide for the disciplining thereof, be recommitted to the Committee on the Militia.

The House resumed the reconsideration of the resolution moved by Mr. Haynes on the 23d of December ultimo, "that, during the trial of the im-

peachment now pending before the Senate, this House will meet daily at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon; and that, from day to day, it will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, and attend said trial during the continuance thereof, and until the conclusion of the same;"

And the question being put, that the House do, on reconsideration, agree to pass the same,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 69,  
Nays, . . . . . 118.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, Benedict Arnold, Robert W. Barnwell, Mordecai Bartley, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, James Blair, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Henry B. Cowles, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Daveaport, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, John D. Dickinson, Clement Dorsey, Edward B. Dudley, Henry W. Dwight, Jonas Earll, jr., Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, Henry H. Gurley, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Peter Ihrie, jr., Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, James Lent, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Robert Potter, Gershom Powers, William Ramsey, John Reed, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Joseph F. Wingate. — 69.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Thomas Chilton, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Charles G. De Witt, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, William F. Gordon, Benjamin Gorham, George Grennell, jr., Joseph Hawkins, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Keadall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Adam King, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallery, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, Rufus McIntire, Ebenezer F. Norton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettie, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, James F. Randolph, Abram Kencher, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry,

William L. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—118.

The resolution moved by Mr. Storrs, of New York, yesterday, and laid on the table, was read, and again laid on the table.

Mr. Johns then moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That a message be sent by the Clerk of this House, informing the Senate that the House of Representatives decline further attendance during the trial of the impeachment of Judge Peck, until further notice.

A motion was made by Mr. Haynes to amend the said resolution by striking out the words "*until further notice*;" which motion was disagreed to by the House.

Mr. Storrs, of New York, then moved to amend the said resolution, by striking out all after the word "*Resolved*," and inserting the following:

"That the managers appointed to conduct the impeachment of James H. Peck be instructed to attend the trial of the said impeachment at such times as the Senate shall appoint for that purpose, and that the attendance of the House be dispensed with until otherwise ordered by the House, and that the clerk communicate this resolution to the Senate."

This amendment Mr. Johns accepted as a modification of his resolution, and modified his said resolution accordingly.

The question was then put to agree to the said resolution as modified,

And passed in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill (No. 533) entitled "An act to extend the time for entering certain donation claims to land in the Territory of Arkansas, was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 39) entitled "An act for the benefit of schools in Lawrence county, Mississippi," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting a report from the Register and Receiver of the land office at St. Helena, in Louisiana, upon certain claims to land therein mentioned, made in obedience to the act of the 28th of May, 1830; which letter and report were referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By leave, the following resolutions were moved and adopted, viz:

On motion of Mr. Carson,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing an assay office in the gold region of the south.

And Mr. Carson, Mr. Verplanck, Mr. Foster, Mr. Bouldin, and Mr. Rencher, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Martin,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the propriety of placing John Taylor, of Orangeburg district, in the State of South Carolina, on the pension list.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 517) to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, into and within the District of Columbia: when,

A motion being made by Mr. Semmes to amend the said bill,

It was,

On motion of Mr. Strong,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The special orders of the day being moved, it was

*Ordered*, That all orders be postponed, so that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, for the purpose of taking into consideration, in committee, the bill (No. 480) for closing certain accounts, and making appropriations for arrearages, in the Indian Department, and the bill from the Senate making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Polk reported that the committee had, according to order, had the aforesaid bills under consideration; which bills he was directed to report to the House without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the bill, (No. 480) for closing certain accounts, and making appropriations for arrearages, in the Indian Department, be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow; and that the bill from the Senate (No. 24) making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, be also read a third time to-morrow.

The consideration of the special orders of the day was again moved: when

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman, that the consideration of the said special orders be postponed, for the purpose of taking into consideration the bill (No. 507) to authorize the construction of three schooners for the naval service of the United States.

A division of the question on this motion being called for,

The question was put on so much thereof as proposes to postpone the special orders of the day;

And was decided in the negative.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill (No. 512) for the relief of the legal representatives of Edward Moore, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Speight reported the said bill without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 255) to authorize a change in the disposal of the land granted for the construction of the Illinois and Michigan canal;

And a motion was made by Mr. Mercer to amend the said bill;

And, pending the consideration of the said motion,

The House adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock meridian.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1831.

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of John and Benjamin Wells, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying to be paid the drawback of duties on certain goods by them exported, which is withheld because the oath required by law was omitted to be taken within the prescribed time; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Samuel Lacount, of the State of New Hampshire, praying for an increase of pension.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of James Trowbridge, of the State of New Hampshire, praying for an increase of pension..

Mr. Reed presented a petition of Henry Hall, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Barber, of Connecticut, presented a petition of Jonathan Rathbone, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Finch presented a petition of John A. Ferris, of the State of New York;

Mr. Finch presented a petition of Frederick Perrigo, of the State of New York;

Mr. Martindale presented a petition of Solemon Emmons, of the State of New York ;

Mr. Creighton presented a petition of Francis Bashford, of the State of Ohio;

Mr. Creighton presented a petition of James Dalgarn, of the State of Ohio;

praying, respectively, to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Kennon,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John Copeland, presented December 30, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Swift presented a petition of Martin D. Follet, of the State of Vermont praying to be paid for property of which he was plundered during the late war with Great Britain, in consequence of his well known attachment to the interest and cause of his country.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Thomas Armstrong, and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Fletcher, wife of Josiah Fletcher, deceased, of the State of Alabama, praying to be paid for injuries sustained by the said Josiah Fletcher, deceased, by the depredations of hostile Creek Indians, during the war with the Creek nation of Indiana.

Mr. McCreery presented a petition of James Templeton, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying to be paid for services rendered as a soldier in the army of the United States in the year 1791.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. White, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Jumonville De Viller, presented February 23, 1824, and the petition of Madame Le Compte Piernas, presented December 12, 1825, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Huntington, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Davenport presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Pittsylvania and Henry, in the State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sill presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Venango, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day may be prohibited; which petition was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.



Mr. Washington presented a memorial of the President and Directors of the Alexandria Canal Company, praying Congress to authorize a subscription to the capital stock of said company, on behalf of the Government of the United States; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. William B. Shepard presented a petition of David Lindsey, of the State of South Carolina, praying for a pension; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Russel presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Ohio, praying that a national road may be constructed from Zanesville, in Ohio, to Florence, in Alabama; which petition was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

The Speaker presented a second petition of Salvator Pinistri, theoretical and practical Italian architect, praying to be employed to make such alterations in the hall of the House as he alleges will remedy the supposed defect in the distinct transmission of sounds within the same; which petition was committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 470) making appropriations for the public buildings.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Albert P. Rusco; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Foster, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of Eleanor Worthington, executrix, and James T. Worthington, executor, of Thomas Worthington, deceased, accompanied by a bill (No. 536) for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dudley, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Hopkins Rice, accompanied by a bill (No. 537) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Verplanck, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 538) making appropriations for revolutionary and invalid pensioners; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Peter Williams; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Sterigere, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report on the petition of James Caulfield; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Taylor, of New Hampshire, and that it lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the "joint resolution in relation to the transmission of public documents printed by either House of Congress." The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 4 An act to authorize the mounting and equipment of a part of the army of the United States;

No. 51. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for paying to the States of Missouri, Mississippi, and Alabama, three per centum of the nett proceeds arising from the sales of public lands within the same;"

No. 54. An act to repeal the charges imposed on passports and clearances, and the duties on spices;

No. 55. An act for the relief of William Christy;

No. 56. An act supplementary to the several laws for the sale of the public lands;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Speight moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to this House what progress has been made towards removing the obstructions at the Swash near Ocracock bar, in the State of North Carolina; the amount of expenditures heretofore made, and whether or not a further appropriation will be required.

Mr. Tucker moved the following resolutions as amendments to the resolution reported by Mr. McDuffie, from a select committee, on the 22d of December ultimo, to amend the constitution of the United States:

*Resolved*, That no person who shall hereafter be elected President of the United States, and who shall accept the same, or exercise the powers thereof, shall be again eligible to the said office.

*Resolved*, That any person who shall be elected President of the United States after the 4th day of March, 1833, shall hold his office for the term of five years.

Mr. Trezvant moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That a committee shall be added to the standing committees to be appointed at the commencement of each session, which shall be called the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all such matters respecting invalid pensions as shall be referred to them by the House.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions, at the end of the present session, shall be abolished, and a committee shall be appointed at the commencement of each session, which shall be called the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions; and that it shall be the duty of said committee to take into consideration all such matters respecting pensions for services in the revolutionary war, other than invalid pensions, as shall be referred to them by the House.

Mr. Wayne moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to furnish this House with an abstract and copies of all accounts of expenditures of the appropriation of fifty thousand dollars for clearing out obstructions in Savannah river, below the city of Savannah, with copies of all contracts made, and estimates handed in, to remove obstructions in the river, or to deepen the same, with the estimate of William C. Daniel, and Gill, Esq. for constructing a dam of oyster shells between Fig and Hutchinson's islands; the expenditures on account of the same, with a copy of the report of the United States' Commissioners made in July, 1830, as to the increased depth of water which had been obtained, with the evidence which accompanied the same, and copies of all correspondence relating to the past or future expenditure of said appropriation, or agency for disbursing the same, which may not have been already published.

Mr. Chilton moved the following resolution:

*Resolved* That the Committee on Public Expenditures be instructed

to inquire into the expediency of adopting some regulation by which members of each branch of the national legislature shall receive the allowance of eight dollars per day only for the number of days of each session on which they shall have been in actual attendance upon the service of the House to which they may belong, unless absent by reason of sickness, or by leave of the House upon the business of the House, or when the same shall not be in session.

The said resolution being read,

The question was put, Will the House agree to the same?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 157,  
  { Nays, . . . . . 21.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Rutliff Boon, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Charles E. Haynes, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Gershom Powers, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Teat, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell F. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, Joel Yancy, Ebenezer Young.—157.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William S. Archer, John S. Barbour, Thomas Beekman, Thomas T. Bouldin, Samuel P. Carson, Richard Coulter, Edward B. Dudley, Edward Everett, Benjamin Gorham, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, William W. Irvin, Pryor Lea, Ebenezer F. Norton, Isaac Pierson, Samuel F. Vinton, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde. —21.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act of Congress, passed at the last session, entitled "An act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the Virginia line and navy of the continental army during the revolutionary war, "so as to change and alter the first section as not to require evidence as to the line on which the resolution warrant of Virginia issued; also, to amend the third section so as to embrace cases where warrants have been located and surveys on patents prohibited by law, by which the land is lost to the locator; also, to cases of surveys or patents, where, by the highest judicial tribunal of the State, or United States, the land has been taken by a prior or better claim; also, to provide for the renewal of lost or destroyed certificates or scrip; also, to change the maximum quantity of land allowed to be appropriated by the said act to supply the claims embraced by said act; lastly, to make such alterations as the said committee may consider just and equitable.

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the said resolution be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Crockett,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the names of Andrew Derryberry, of Perry county, and William Gillespie, of Hardaman county, Tennessee, both revolutionary soldiers, on the pension list, and that the papers herewith transmitted be referred to said committee.

On motion of Mr. Test,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the State of Indiana to substitute a rail road in place of a canal, to connect the waters of the Wabash river with those of lake Erie, if she shall deem it proper to do so, and to appropriate the proceeds of the lands granted by Congress for making the canal to that of making a rail road in lieu thereof, not otherwise changing the fundamental principles upon which the grant was made.

On motion of Mr. Ellsworth,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 145) to amend and consolidate the acts respecting copy-rights, be discharged from the consideration thereof.

On motion of Mr. Washington,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Gideon Davis be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, as follows:

January 5, 1831.

*To the House of Representatives:*

In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 17th of December last, calling for information on the subject of internal im-

provement, I submit herewith a report from the Secretaries of War and Treasury, containing the information required.

ANDREW JACKSON.

The said message was read, and laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report from the Board of Engineers on the improvement of the falls of the Ohio, made in obedience to an order of the House of the 3d instant; which letter and report were referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

II. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement showing the expenditure of moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the military establishment for the year 1830; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

III. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement showing the expenditure of the money appropriated for the contingent expenses of the Navy for the year 1830; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

IV. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report in part, made in obedience to an order of the House of the 22d ultimo, calling for a statement of the payments made by the owners of vessels, since the year 1816, for papers called "Mediterranean passports," and a statement of the fund to which said payments have been applied; which letter and report were laid on the table.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 4. An act to authorize the mounting and equipment of a part of the army of the United States;

No. 51. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for paying to the States of Missouri, Mississippi, and Alabama, three per centum of the net proceeds arising from the sale of public lands within the same;"

No. 54. An act to repeal the charges imposed on passports and clearances, and the duties on spices;

No. 55. An act for the relief of William Christy;

No. 56. An act supplementary to the several laws for the sale of public lands;

were, severally, read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 4. To the Committee on Military Affairs;

No. 51. } To the Committee on the Public Lands;

No. 56. }

No. 54. To the Committee of Ways and Means;

No. 55. To the Committee on Military Pensions.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 24,) entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 480. An act for closing certain accounts, and making appropriations for arrearages, in the Indian Department;

No. 512. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Edward Moore, deceased;

No. 535. An act to amend the act for taking the fifth census; were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

The House again resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 255) to authorize a change in the disposal of the land granted for the construction of the Illinois and Michigan canal;

And the said bill having been amended,

The question was put, Shall the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 67,  
  { Nays, . . . . . 115.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Bailey, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Elias Brown, Samuel Butman, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, George Evans, Edward Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, George Grennell, jr., Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Benjamin C. Howard, Jonathan Hunt, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Chittenden Lyon, Henry C. Martindale, Charles F. Mercer, Ebenezer F. Norton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, James Standefer, James Strong, Samuel Swan, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Joseph Vance, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, Noyes Barber, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Robert Deaha, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Henry W. Dwight, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, Horace Everett, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jabez W. Huntington, Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Alem Marr, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, John Mercer Patton, Spence Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey,

John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, and Lewis Williams. —115.

*And so the said bill was rejected.*

The House proceeded to the consideration of the engrossed bill (No. 477) to authorize the enclosure of a part of Lingan street, in the corporation of Georgetown; when it was

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill from the Senate, (No. 25,) entitled, "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for paying to the State of Illinois three per cent. of the net proceeds arising from the sale of the public land within the same;'" and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the said bill without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1831.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Robert Hillen; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Verplanck, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 539) making appropriations for the military service for the year 1831; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Harvey, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (No. 540) for the relief of John P. Creesy and others; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James H. Henderson, and that it lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of A. L. Mills, and that it be referred to the Postmaster General.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of James Quick, Patsy Johnston, Peter P. Dawson, James McLaughlin, John Russell, and John Taylor, (of South Carolina,) and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 541) for the benefit of Percis Lovely; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavorable report on the petition of the representatives of Clement B. Penrose; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Shields, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that

the committee had examined an enrolled bill and resolution of the following titles, viz:

No. 39. An act for the benefit of schools in Lawrence county, Mississippi;

Resolution in relation to the transmission of public documents printed by order of either House of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 119) further to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post Office Department, be discharged; and that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The resolution moved by Mr. Trezvant yesterday, and laid on the table, proposing an amendment to the rules of the House, was read, considered, and again laid on the table.

The resolution moved by Mr. Speight yesterday, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. Wayne yesterday, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, yesterday, the consideration of which was postponed until this day, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Vinton, that the House do reconsider the vote taken yesterday on the question, Shall the bill (No. 255) to authorize a change in the disposal of the land granted for the construction of the Illinois and Michigan canal, be engrossed, and read a third time?

A motion was then made by Mr. Clay, that the said motion to reconsider be postponed until the 20th day of the present month: when

A motion was made by Mr. Drayton, that the said motion do lie on the table;

And the question on this motion being put,

It was decided in the negative.

The question was then put on the motion made by Mr. Clay,

And was decided in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Haynes, that the further consideration of the motion made by Mr. Vinton, to reconsider, be postponed indefinitely: when

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, that the further consideration of the said motion be postponed until the 13th day of the present month;

And the question thereon being put,

It passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	94,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	87.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Elias Brown, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Clement C. Clay, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denney, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Morace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward,



John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Jonathan Hunt, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Chittenden Lyon, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, Charles F. Mercer, Robert Monell, Ebenezer F. Norton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, John Scott, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, William Stanberry, James Standefer, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—94.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barwell, Daniel L. Barringer, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Henry W. Dwight, Jonas Earll, jr., Joshua Evans, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolla, John Mercer Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, John B. Sterigere, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, and Lewis Williams.—87.

A motion was made by Mr. Crockett, that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Grennell on the 4th of May last, that the House do reconsider the vote taken on the 3d of May last on the question, Shall the bill (No. 185) to amend an act authorizing the State of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated lands within the same, passed April 18, 1806, be engrossed and read a third time?

And the question being put, Will the House proceed to the consideration of the said motion?

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	89,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	92.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas

Beekman, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Adam King, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Chittenden Lyon, Rollin C. Mallery, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Charles F. Mercer, Ebenezer F. Norton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Benedict L. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, William Staberry, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—89.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Henry W. Conner, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Robert Desha, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Jonas Earl, jr., Joshua Evans, James Findlay, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvia, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, John Mercer Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Gershom Powers, William Ramsey, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—92.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the names of such persons as, in his opinion, ought to be placed on the pension roll, or otherwise provided for, and for doing which he has no sufficient power or authority; prepared in obedience to the joint resolution of May 29, 1820; which letter and report were laid on the table.

Mr. Test moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be instructed to report to this House

a statement showing the amount of money expended, or contracted to be expended, by the superintendents of the national road in the State of Indiana, the amount of labor done, or contracted to be done; and generally, the state of the funds appropriated to that object; and whether another appropriation will will not be necessary and proper, in order to the continuation of the work.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to pay for certain pre-emption claims in West Florida, purchased by H. M. Brackenridge under instructions from the Secretary of the Navy, dated December 6, 1828.

On motion of Mr. Biddle,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the erection of light-houses at or near the confluence of the St. Joseph's river with lake Michigan, and on the outer Thunder bay island in lake Huron, and for placing a floating light in the strait connecting those lakes; and, also, for placing buoys on the flats at the head of lake St. Clair.

*Resolved*, That the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for a survey of the mouths of the rivers Clinton and St. Joseph's, and the strait of St. Clair; and that all memorials and other documents relating to the subject before mentioned, which have heretofore been referred to said committee, and are now on the files of the House, be again referred to the same.

Mr. Drayton moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to inform this House whether any, and if any, what additions are deemed necessary to be made to the corps of military topographical engineers, exclusively for military purposes.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 517) to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, into and within the District of Columbia: when it was,

On motion of Mr. Doddridge,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 25,) entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to provide for paying to the State of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same,'" was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 80) for the relief of Nathaniel Patten: when it was

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 145) to amend and consolidate the acts respecting copy-rights; and,

On motion of Mr. Ellsworth,

The said bill was amended: when

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman further to amend the same, by striking out the words "*twenty-eight years*," being the period proposed in said bill for the duration of a copy-right, and inserting the words "*fourteen years*;"

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock meridian.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1830.

Mr. Drayton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the case of John Shaw; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Drayton, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Hobby; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Drayton, from the same committee, which was instructed "to inquire into the propriety of paying to the heirs of William Dudley Digges a fair valuation for the land taken and occupied by the officers of the United States for the site of fort Washington," made a report, accompanied by a bill (No. 542) to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase an additional quantity of land for the fortifications at fort Washington, upon the river Potomac; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of the heirs of Colonel Selby Harney; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. McCoy, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Walter Loomis and Abel Gray; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. McCreery, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made an unfavorable report on the petition of George King, junior; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Renason; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of John H. Wendell, a captain in the revolutionary war, accompanied by a bill (No. 543) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dickinson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Ephraim Whitaker, accompanied by a bill (No. 544) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Hall, from the Committee on Public Expenditures, which was instructed, on the 30th ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of adopting some uniform mode of computing the distance for which members of Congress shall be allowed compensation for mileage to and from the seat of Government," made a report; which was read, and laid upon the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the heirs of Joseph Falconer and the petition of Elijah Fox, and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Anthony Glean, and that it be referred to the committee appointed on the 17th of December, on the petition officers of the army of the Revolution.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 50) "to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make compensation to the heirs of Taliaferro Livingston and Francis W. Armstrong for the maintenance of fifteen Afri-

cans, illegally imported into the United States;" and that the said bill be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, which was instructed, on the 31st of December, "to inquire into the expediency of making provision for the relief of that class of revolutionary soldiers, who, at the passage of the law of 1818, were not resident citizens of the United States, but who have never become citizens or subjects of any foreign States, and who have resided within the limits of the United States for the term of two years last past," made an adverse report; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the cases of Ebenezer Whitney, Captain Thomas Porter, William Gillespie, and Andrew Derryberry; and that the said cases do lie on the table.

Mr. Verplanck, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 545) making appropriations for certain fortifications during the year 1831; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. De Witt, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Ann Mortimer Barron, accompanied by a bill (No. 546) for her relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. De Witt, from the same committee, made a report in the case of William Treadwell, accompanied by a bill (No. 547) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Jane Reynolds and Jesse Kane; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William B. Whiteside; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Thompson, of Georgia, from the Committee on the Militia, to which was recommitted the bill (No. 168) to organize and establish a uniform militia throughout the United States, and to provide for the discipline thereof, reported an amendatory bill; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McDuffie, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 548) to reduce the bounty on pickled fish exported; which was read the first and second time, and the further consideration thereof was postponed until Monday next, the 10th instant.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill (No. 509) entitled "An act to change the time of holding the rule term of the circuit court for the district of West Tennessee." The Senate have also passed a bill (No. 46) entitled, "An act for the relief of John Riddle;" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The resolution moved by Mr. Test on the 6th instant, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. Drayton on the 6th instant, and laid on table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Whittlesey,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the

expediency of providing by law for paying John Menary the value of a horse impressed from him by an officer in the service of the United States, during the late war.

On motion of Mr. Irvin, of Ohio,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing John Akerman on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. Sevier,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle and adjust the accounts of the agent employed by the Governor of Arkansas, to select the townships of land given by Congress to said Territory for a seminary of learning.

On motion of Mr. Sevier,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to pay the account of Robert Burton, administrator of William Scott, deceased, for depredations committed upon the property of said Scott in his lifetime.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

*Ordered*, That when this House shall adjourn this day, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next, the 20th instant.

A message, in writing, was received, from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, as follows:

*January 7, 1831.*

*To the House of Representatives:*

I beg leave to call the attention of Congress to the accompanying report from the Navy Department, upon the state of the accounts of the Navy in the office of the Fourth Auditor, and to suggest the necessity of correcting the evils complained of by early legislation.

ANDREW JACKSON.

The said message was read, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Solicitor of the Treasury, made in obedience to the act providing for his appointment, and containing information in relation to causes and actions pending in the courts of the United States, in which the United States were plaintiffs on the 4th of July, 1830; which report was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 493) providing for the sale of certain town and village lots in the State of Missouri, be discharged, and that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 46,) entitled, "An act for the relief of John Riddle," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, of Georgia,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill from the Senate, (No. 16,) entitled "An act for the relief of Aaron Fitzgerald," and the bill from the Senate, (No. 18,) entitled an act for the relief of Edward Fitzgerald," be discharged; and that the said bills be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

An engrossed bill, (No. 145,) entitled "An act to amend the several acts respecting copy-rights," was read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Findlay reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 330) for the relief of James Monroe, and had come to no resolution thereupon.

And then the House adjourned until Monday next, the 10th instant, at 12 o'clock meridian.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1831.

Mr. Jarvis presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Cutler, in the county of Washington, and State of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Jarvis presented a petition of Alexander Milliken, keeper of the light-house on Moose Peak island, praying that an out-house may be erected for his accommodation.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of citizens of the United States, interested in the trade between the United States and the island of St. Croix, praying that the duty on St. Croix rum and sugar, imported into the United States, may be reduced.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of citizens of the United States engaged in the commerce of the western waters, praying that provision may be made for the establishment of a national hospital for sick boatmen at some convenient place on the western waters.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

*Ordered*, That the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Baltimore, praying for the establishment of light-houses at certain points in the Chesapeake, presented March 8, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins,

*Ordered*, That the petition of George J. Knight, presented March 22, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. McIntire presented a petition of Jonathan Noeks, of the State of Maine;

Mr. Wingate presented a petition of Benjamin Woodman, of the State of Maine;

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Micah How, of the State of New Hampshire;

Mr. Dwight presented a petition of Daniel Fuller, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Bailey presented a petition of Samuel Capen, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Varnum presented a petition of Thomas Evans, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Hodges presented a petition of John Hunt, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Bates presented a petition of Shubael Wilder, a petition of Levi Rose, a petition of Eleazer Strong, a petition of Timothy Couch, a petition of Solomon Smow, a petition of Asa Smith, a petition of Samuel Thompson, a petition of Benjamin Sherman, a petition of Levi Fay, a petition

of Pearson Freeman, a petition of Zadock Ingell, and a petition of William Perkins, all of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Burges presented a petition of Richard Clark, of the State of Massachusetts, a petition of Grindal Chace, of the State of Rhode Island, a petition of Michael Anthony, of the State of Rhode Island, a petition of Nelson Miller, of the State of Rhode Island, a petition of Simeon Chace, of the State of Rhode Island, a petition of Simeon Bullock, of the State of Rhode Island, a petition of William Daggett, of the State of Massachusetts, a petition of Thomas Luther, of the State of Rhode Island, a petition of Samuel Short, of the State of Rhode Island, a petition of Peleg Weeden, of the State of Rhode Island, a petition of Jonathan Pearce, of the State of Rhode Island, a petition of James Miller, of the State of Rhode Island, a petition of James Richmond, of the State of Massachusetts, and a petition of Thomas Whitford, of the State of Rhode Island;

Mr. Noyes Barber presented a petition of Gilbert S. Fish, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Ellsworth presented a petition of John Roberts, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Swift presented a petition of Roswell Hunt, of the State of Vermont;

Mr. Spencer, of New York, presented a petition of Levi Hitchcock, of the State of New York;

Mr. Earll presented a petition of Jeremiah Cleaveland, of the State of New York;

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of Aaron Smith, of the State of New York;

Mr. Swan presented a petition of John Jemes, of the State of New Jersey;

Mr. Irvin, of Ohio, presented a petition of John Ortman, of the State of Ohio;

Mr. Duncan presented a petition of Michael Clifford, of the State of Illinois;

which petitioners, severally and respectively, pray that their names may be placed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Philip Taber, of the State of New Hampshire;

Mr. Allen presented a petition of Conrad Kremer, of the State of Virginia;

Mr. Standefer presented a petition of William Duggan, of the State of Tennessee;

praying, respectively, to be allowed and paid the arrears of pension to which they conceive themselves to be entitled.

Mr. Crane presented a petition of John Thompson, of the State of Ohio, praying for an increase of pension.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Israel Mead, presented December 10, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Swan,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James Moore, presented January 19, 1829, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.



On motion of Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Ebenezer Breed, presented March 15, 1836, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Pearce presented a petition of Susanna Lippincott, of the city of Philadelphia, widow of Caleb Lippincott, who was killed in the naval service of the United States, praying to be paid the arrears of pension to which she conceives herself entitled.

Mr. Campbell P. White presented a petition of Charlotte Wares, of the city of New York, widow of Samuel Wares, late of the naval service of the United States, praying that the pension heretofore granted to her for a limited time may be renewed.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Mallary,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Jesse Gove, presented January 19, 1839, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hawkins presented a petition of Ira Baldwin, praying compensation for his services as a Canadian volunteer in the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, and for a grant of the bounty land to which he is entitled by reason of said services.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Lawrence L. Van Kleeck, late collector of internal revenue for the 13th collection district in the State of New York, praying to be allowed the per centage to which he conceives himself entitled, as compensation for his services.

Mr. McCreery presented a petition of John Fleming, of the State of Pennsylvania, late an assessor of direct tax in that State, praying that certain moneys paid over by him to the United States through a mistake may be refunded.

Mr. Archer presented a memorial of Joseph Nourse, late Register of the Treasury of the United States, praying to be paid the amount found due to him from the Government by the judicial tribunals of the country.

Mr. Doddridge presented a petition of Josias Thompson, of the State of Virginia, late a superintendent of the Cumberland road, praying to be paid the amount found due to him by the verdict of a jury in the trial of a suit instituted against him by the United States.

Mr. Leavitt presented a petition of David Goorley, late a marine in the service of the United States, who was discharged from service in Leghorn, in Italy, praying to be reimbursed the amount paid by him for his passage to the United States.

Mr. Hinds presented a petition of A. S. Campbell, a lieutenant in the Navy of the United States, praying to be paid for services as naval store-keeper at Pensacola, in Florida.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of Adam Hall, of the State of Alabama, praying to be paid for two horses lost in the service of the United States.

Mr. Wickliffe presented a petition of Ann H. Bard, widow of Ebenezer Bard, on behalf of herself and the children of the said Ebenezer Bard, praying that the estate of her late husband may be released from all claims of the United States, arising out of the suretyship of the said Ebenezer for William Bard, as a collector of direct taxes and internal duties in the State of Kentucky.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The undermentioned petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the Committee of Claims, viz:

By Mr. Hawkins: The petition of James White, on behalf of himself and other heirs of William White, deceased, presented May 10, 1830.

By Mr. Mitchell: The petition of John Donn, presented March 1, 1830.

By Mr. Lewis: The petition of Robert Irvin, presented December 31, 1827.

Mr. Spencer, of New York, presented a petition of James S. Campbell, of the State of New York, son and heir of Colonel Samuel Campbell, deceased, who was an officer in the military service in the war of the revolution, praying that the accounts and claims of his late father may be settled and adjusted, and the balance found due paid to him.

Mr. Campbell P. White presented a petition of John M. Fought, of the city of New York, an officer in the army of the revolution, praying to be paid the commutation of half pay, to which he is entitled by reason of his services in the capacity aforesaid.

Mr. Earll presented a petition of Peleg Green, of the State of New York, praying compensation for services rendered and for property lost in the war of the revolution.

Mr. Wickliffe presented a petition of Nancy Davis, of the State of Kentucky, widow of Jesse Davis, who was a captain in the army of the revolution, praying to be paid the amount due for the monthly pay, as also for a grant of the land, to which her said husband was entitled.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Elizabeth Eaton, widow of the late General William Eaton, for and in behalf of herself and the heirs of said William Eaton, praying that the accounts of the said William Eaton, as Consul of the United States at Tunis, in Africa, may be settled on the principles of equity, and that the sum found due may be paid to his heirs; which petition was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Denny presented petitions of inhabitants of the counties of Alleghany, Westmoreland, and Fayette, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the transportation of mails on the Sabbath day may be prohibited; which petitions were committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Duncan presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Illinois, residing on public lands within the military bounty tract, praying that they may have the pre-emption right in the purchase of the lands on which they are located.

Mr. Duncan presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, praying that the provisions of the act of May 29, 1830, granting pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands, may be extended to every settler on lands claimed by the Government prior to the 1st January, 1831, and that the settlers may be allowed one year thereafter to avail themselves of its provisions.

*Ordered*, That the said petition and memorial be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to which is committed the bill (No. 524) to amend and extend the provisions of the act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public land.

Mr. Hemphill presented a memorial of masters of vessels engaged in the transportation of merchandise and passengers, and in trading between the

Chesapeake and Delaware bays, through Back creek, praying that measures may be adopted to improve the navigation of Back creek; which memorial was committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 293) to improve Back creek.

Mr. Gurley presented a petition of Simon Rodriguez, of the State of Louisiana, praying that his claim to certain lands therein described may be confirmed; which petition was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. John S. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John Overall, presented February 6, 1826, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Maxwell, of Virginia, presented a memorial of the manufacturers of salt in the county of Kenhawa, in the State of Virginia, praying for a restoration of the duty on imported salt; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Taliaferro presented a petition of John Balthrope, of the State of Virginia, stating that he has devised a simple, durable, and economical plan for the elevation and supply of water for the uses and purposes of the public buildings in the city of Washington, and praying that a reasonable compensation may be made him for his said plan; which petition was committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 407) making appropriations for the public buildings.

Mr. Mercer presented a copy of two memorials of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, addressed to the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, asking for certain amendments therein specified to the act incorporating said company; which were referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

*Ordered*, That the memorial of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, presented December 5, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Vance presented remonstrances from inhabitants of the counties of Preble, Darke, Montgomery, and Miami, in the State of Ohio, against the making of the towns of Dayton and Eaton points in the location of the Cumberland road, now constructing in that State.

Mr. Wickliffe presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Maysville, in the State of Kentucky, praying that provision may be made for improving the navigation of the river Ohio, so that steamboats may navigate the same throughout the year.

*Ordered*, That the said remonstrances and petition be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Henry R. Storrs presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Oneida, in the State of New York;

Mr. Patton presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Louisa, in the State of Virginia;

Mr. Whittlesey presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Trumbull and Columbiana, in the State of Ohio; praying, respectively, for the establishment of post routes therein described.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Buchanan presented a petition of John Light, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a pension; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Drayton presented a petition of John Haslett, of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, praying to be refunded the amount of the sales of his ship and her cargo, which he alleged to have been erroneously condemned by the district court of the United States for the district of South Carolina.

Mr. Russel presented a petition of the heirs and representatives of Samuel Herrick, deceased, late of the State of Ohio, praying that the letters patent granted to their father for a new and useful invention to give motion to saw gates and other machinery, may be renewed.

Mr. Whittlesey presented a petition of Oliver Merritt, of the State of Ohio, praying that the letters patent granted to him for a new and useful machine for sawing shingles may be renewed.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Drayton presented a petition of F. L. Griffith, a Lieutenant in the army of the United States, praying to be reimbursed the amount of money expended by him in defending a suit against him for executing certain orders of his commanding officer in the year 1820; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Haynes presented a report and resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, in relation to the boundary line between that State and the Territory of Florida; which report and resolutions were committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 243) supplementary to the act to authorize the President of the United States to run and mark a line dividing the Territory of Florida from the State of Georgia.

Mr. Polk presented documents in support of a claim of John H. Maney and others for depredations committed on their property by Indians west of the river Mississippi; which documents were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Standefer,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John Brown, presented February 22, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Duncan presented a petition of inhabitants of the lead mine district, in the State of Illinois, praying that the lands purchased from the Winnebago and other Indian tribes in that region of country may be surveyed and exposed to sale, and that actual settlers thereon may have the right of pre-emption in the purchase of tracts on which they have, respectively, made settlements.

Mr. Russel presented petitions of inhabitants of the State of Ohio, residing within the Virginia military district, praying that a grant of public lands may be made to Ripley academy in said district, lately incorporated by the State of Ohio.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of William M. King, of the State of Alabama, praying that his title to a tract of land in said State, derived from an Indian of the Cherokee tribe, named Thomas Jones, may be confirmed.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Ford,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Christian Koch, presented at the last session of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Archer,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James Gandy and sons, presented December 29, 1829, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 19. An act for the relief of Joseph E. Sprague;

No. 53. An act for the relief of Francis Larche, of New Orleans;

No. 58. An act for the relief of James Thomas, late Quartermaster General of the Army of the United States;

No. 59. An act to enable the President to extinguish Indian title within the State of Indiana;  
in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the case of Adam Peck, accompanied by a bill (No. 549) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Edgar; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Clarissa B. Harrison, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which the subject was referred on the 16th of December ultimo, reported a bill (No. 550) to extend to the corps of artificers the enactments of the existing laws allowing pensions to disabled officers and soldiers who have served in the armies of the United States; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Matthias Shurts, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Hall, from the Committee on Public Expenditures, which was instructed to inquire into the expediency of adopting some regulation by which members of each branch of the national legislature shall receive the allowance of eight dollars per day only for the number of days, of each session, on which they shall have been in actual attendance upon the service of the House, unless absent from sickness, or by leave of the House upon the business of the House, or when the same shall not be in session, made a report, accompanied by a joint resolution relative to the pay of members of Congress; which resolution was read the first time, and laid on the table.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 41,) entitled "An act concerning the town and village commons in Missouri," reported the same with amendments.

Mr. Wingate, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Thomas Park, accompanied by a bill (No. 551) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Doddridge,

*Ordered*, That the Committee for the District of Columbia have leave to sit during the session of the House on the 11th and 12th instants.

On motion of Mr. Wingate,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the purpose of removing obstructions in, and of improving the channel of the Cathance river, in the State of Maine; and that the documents on file relating to this subject be referred to said committee.

On motion of Mr. McIntire,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Josiah Clark, a soldier of the Revolution.

On motion of Mr. Harvey,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Isaac Dalton, a soldier of the Revolution, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting compensation to Asa Fuller for the destruction of his property at Fort Schlosser, which property was in the occupancy of the United States' troops when taken by the enemy and destroyed.

On motion of Mr. Bates,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the names of James Taylor, Sylvanus Sanderson, Ezra Allen, Noah Cook, Justin Granger, and Isaac Coit, soldiers of the Revolution, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Reed,

*Resolved*, That the petition of the inhabitants of Dennis and Yarmouth, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the improvement of the harbor near Bass river, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Grennell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Oliver May on the pension roll, in consideration of revolutionary services.

On motion of Mr. Burges,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be directed to inquire into the justice and expediency of placing on the pension roll of the United States William Johnson, Samuel Kimball, David Arnold, Samuel Eastforth, Stephen Young, Samuel Currie, and Benajah Sweet, each of whom served either in the land or naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

On motion of Mr. Pearce,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the patent laws as to require patentees to give public notice of all patents to them issued.

On motion of Mr. Barber,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing compensation to David Frink for boarding prisoners captured by the United States' sloop of war Trumbull, commanded by David Jewit, in the year 1800.

On motion of Mr. Everett, of Vermont,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the convention held at Windsor, in the State of Vermont, in relation to the navigation of Connecticut river, presented on the 14th instant, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Humphrey Brown on the roll of revolutionary pensioners.

On motion of Mr. Gilmore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing James Cutchlow, a soldier of the revolutionary war, on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. Washington,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing such appropriation by the United States as may be sufficient to turnpike the mail road between Rockville and the Monocacy bridge, in Maryland, and into the expediency of having said road made under the superintendence of the United States' engineers, and, when completed, to be transferred to the president and directors of the Washington Turnpike Company, on the express condition that no higher tolls shall be collected on the part of the road made by the United States than will suffice to keep the road in perfect repair, and pay the salaries of toll-gatherers.

Mr. Trezvant moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to report a bill to reduce the existing duties on imported goods, to take effect after the payment of the public debt, so as to raise a revenue adequate to the support of the Government under an economical administration of its affairs.

This resolution being read, Mr. Condict moved the question of consideration:

And on the question, Will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 73,  
Nays, . . . . . 111.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, Robert W. Barnwell, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Jacob Crocheron, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Henry Hubbard, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, William D. Martin, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, William T. Nuckolls, John Mercer Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, Jesse Speight, James Standefer, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, and Joseph F. Wingate.—73.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Ear-

ber, Isaac C. Bates, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Elias Brown, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, John Davis, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, John Gilmore, Benjamin Gorham, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jonathan Jennings, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Ebenezer F. Norton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, Gershom Powers, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—111.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light-house on or near Turkey point, at the mouth of Elk river, Cecil county, Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Daniel Edmonds, a soldier of the revolutionary war, on the pension list.

On motion by Mr. Deberry,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of John Barmer, of Montgomery county, North Carolina, a soldier of the revolutionary war, on the pension roll of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Speight,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be directed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation by law for erecting a floating light at or near Brant Island shoal, North Carolina.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions moved by Mr. Trezvant on the 5th of January, instant, proposing an amendment to the rules of the House; and the said resolutions being again read, were agreed to by the House.

Mr. Drayton moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to this House whether the existing laws do not provide for a greater number of



cadets at the United States' military academy, than is consistent with the objects for which it was established; and, if so, that he do report a plan and organization of that academy, corresponding with the alterations and reductions which may be deemed expedient.

Mr. Thompson, of Georgia, moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to this House what measures have been taken to carry into effect the provisions of an act providing for the printing and binding sixty thousand copies of the Abstract of Infantry Tactics, including Manœuvres of Light Infantry and Riflemen, and for other purposes, approved the 2d day of March, 1829.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting the information called for by the House on the 6th instant, in relation to the removal of obstructions at the Swash near Ocracock bar, in the State of North Carolina; which letter was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

II. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting the information called for by the House on the 7th of January, instant, in relation to the Cumberland road, now constructing within the State of Indiana; which letter was read, and laid upon the table.

III. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting an abstract of the licenses to trade with the Indians, granted by the superintendents and agents during the year ending the 30th September, 1830, prepared in obedience to the act of May 6, 1822; which letter was read, and laid upon the table.

IV. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a list of the names of the clerks employed in the Navy Department, and in the office of the Commissioners of the Navy, during the year 1830, with the compensation allowed to each; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

V. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a list of the names of the clerks employed in the various offices of the Treasury Department during the year 1830, with the compensation allowed to each; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

VI. A letter from the Governor of the State of Georgia, enclosing the following resolutions, viz:

#### IN SENATE.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened*, That our Senators in Congress be, and they are hereby, instructed, and our Representatives requested, to vote against all measures calculated to aid or foster a system of internal improvements.

*And be it further resolved*, That His Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to communicate copies of these resolutions to each branch of the federal legislature, and to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Read and agreed to, December 22, 1830.

THOMAS STOCKS, *President*.

Attest: JOHN A. COTTEWELL, *Secretary*.

Read and concurred in, 22d December, 1830.

ASBURY HALL, *Speaker*.

Attest: WM. C. DAWSON, *Clerk*.

Approved, 23d December, 1830.

GEORGE R. GILMER, *Governor*.

*Ordered*, That the said letter and resolutions do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 41,) entitled "An act concerning the town and village commons in Missouri;" and the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Private Land Claims were read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that the bill be read a third time to-morrow.

An engrossed bill (No. 542) entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase an additional quantity of land for the fortifications at fort Washington, upon the river Potomac," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 19. An act for the relief of Joseph E. Sprague;

No. 53. An act for the relief of Francis Larche, of New Orleans;

No. 58. An act for the relief of James Thomas, late Quartermaster General of the army of the United States;

No. 59. An act to enable the President to extinguish Indian title within the State of Indiana;

were, severally, read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 19. To the Committee on the Judiciary;

No. 53. } To the Committee of Claims;

No. 58. }

No. 59. To the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 80) for the relief of Nathaniel Patten; when it was,

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill (No. 541) for the benefit of Percis Lovely; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Speight reported the said bill with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 548) to reduce the bounty on pickled fish exported; when it was,

On motion of Mr. Ingersoll,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Thursday next, the 13th instant.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill from the Senate, (No. 16,) entitled "An act for the relief of Aaron Fitzgerald," and on the bill from the Senate, (No. 18,) entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Fitzgerald;" and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Findlay reported the said bills without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be, respectively, read a third time to-day.

The said bills were, accordingly, then read the third time, and, severally, passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 420) to esta-

blish certain post roads, and to alter and discontinue others, and for other purposes: when it was

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Thursday next.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 330) for the relief of James Monroe: when it was

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Drayton reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 507) to authorize the construction of three schooners for the naval service of the United States; which bill he was directed to report to the House without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Polk reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 63) for the erection of a national armory upon the western waters; which bill he was directed to report to the House with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

The question was then stated, Shall the bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And, pending this question,

The House adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock meridian.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1831.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred, on the 21st ultimo, the petition of inhabitants of the Piqua land district, in the State of Ohio, reported a bill (No. 552) to authorize the President of the United States to change the locations of the land offices in the United States; which bill was read the first and second time, and the further consideration thereof was postponed until Tuesday, the 18th day of the present month.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Matheson, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (No. 553) to provide for certain surveys therein specified; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (No. 554) to carry into effect the act to provide for a survey of the coast of the United States; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Caze and Richard, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Drayton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 4,) entitled "An act to authorize the mounting and equipment of a part of the army of the United States," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday, the 18th day of the present month of January.

Mr. Ellsworth, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 19,) entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph E. Sprague," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel Buell, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Alexander, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Rhoda Cook; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hunt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Augustine and David Browder, heirs of Isham Browder; also, from the petition of John Rack and John Walker, executors of William Stewart; and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands, which was instructed, on the 31st of December ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of providing for permitting each settler on such of the public lands as have been officially returned as not fit for cultivation, or not worth surveying, to locate a quantity of said land, not exceeding 160 acres, under such regulations and at such price as the said committee may deem reasonable, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Duncan,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred, on the 29th ultimo, the petition of inhabitants of the northern part of the State of Ohio, and of the southern part of the Territory of Michigan, and to which was also referred the petition of William Loughrey, be discharged from the further consideration of the said petitions, and that they lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Verplanck,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to a member of said committee, upon the subject of the erection of a new custom-house in the city of New York, and that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Gilmore, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John P. Garcia; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the consideration of the petition of George J. Knight, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, which was instructed, on the 14th of December ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill comprising all the acts and provisions now in force on the subject of

the naturalization of aliens, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 51,) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for paying to the States of Missouri, Mississippi, and Alabama, three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same,'" reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The resolution moved by Mr. Drayton on the 10th instant, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. Thompson, of Georgia, on the 10th instant, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Wilde,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the justice and expediency of placing on the pension roll of the United States the name of William Jones, of Jasper county, in the State of Georgia, a soldier of the Revolution.

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the propriety of placing John Benton, of the county of Liberty, in the State of Georgia, upon the pension roll.

Mr. Haynes moved the following, viz:

*Whereas*, Without a considerable diminution of revenue, the public debt will, in a very few years, be redeemed and discharged:

*And whereas*, The end of republican government is the prosperity and happiness of the people:

*And whereas*, This end cannot more certainly be promoted than by a system of taxation which shall leave the largest portion of the products of labor in the pockets of the people:

*And whereas*, The necessities of life should, as far as practicable, be exempted from taxation:

*And whereas*, Brown sugar has become an article of great and necessary consumption among all classes:

*And whereas*, The present duty on that article imported from foreign countries bears an unjust and extravagant proportion to the original cost in foreign markets:

*And whereas*, There is good reason to believe that the tax collected by the Government upon its importation, amounting to one million four hundred and thirty-four thousand nine hundred and sixty-one dollars and eleven cents, is less than half the sum taken from the pockets of the people under the operation of the existing duty, the quantity manufactured in the United States within the year 1830 having been estimated at one hundred thousand hogsheads, equal to one hundred millions of pounds, at three cents per pound protecting duty, equal to three millions of dollars:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the duty on brown sugar imported into the United States from foreign countries.

This resolution being read,

The question, Will the House now proceed to the consideration thereof? was demanded by Mr. Denny;

And on the question, Will the House now consider the said resolution?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 88,  
 { Nays, . . . . . 85.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,  
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Robert Craig, David Crockett, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Jonas Earll, jr., Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, William T. Nuckolls, John Mercer Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, Jesse Speight, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, and Ephraim K. Wilson.—88.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Isaac C. Bates, Abraham Bockee, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Henry Daniel, Harmar Denny, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, John Gilmore, Benjamin Gorham, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Kenesey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Adam King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Samuel F. Vinton, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—85.

And thereupon debate arose upon the said resolution, which continued until the hour allotted for the consideration of reports and motions expired: when

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the contracts and purchases made by the Commissioners of the Navy during the year 1830; which letter and statement were laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Navy, upon the subject of live oak in Florida, and the accounts of the agents and superintendents of live oak forests, prepared in obedience to the order of the House of the 16th of December last; which report was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 507. An act to authorize the construction of three schooners for the naval service of the United States;

No. 541. An act for the relief of Percis Lovely;  
were severally read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 41. An act concerning the town and village commons in Missouri, as amended;

No. 51. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for paying to the States of Missouri, Mississippi, and Alabama, three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same;"  
were severally read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence in the amendment to the first mentioned bill.

On motion of Mr. Verplanck,

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, and the several special orders for this day, be postponed until to-morrow.

And the House then resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Evans, of Maine, reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the Bill (No. 538) making appropriations for revolutionary and invalid pensioners, and the bill (No. 528) making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831; which bills he was directed to report to the House, with amendments to each.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock meridian.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1831.

By leave asked and obtained,

Mr. Mitchell presented a memorial of Howes Goldsborough, of the State of Maryland, complaining that his rights in certain property in the city of Washington have been violated and destroyed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and praying relief from Congress; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Wickliffe,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James B. Requa, of the Territory of Michigan, presented February 22, 1830, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Campbell P. White presented a petition of Simeon Griswold, of the State of New York, praying for a pension; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Irwin, of Pennsylvania, presented resolutions adopted at a public meeting of the citizens of the county of Fayette, in the State of Pennsylvania, expressive of their opinion of the propriety, on the part of Congress, of making appropriations for the repair of the Cumberland road, and for a subscription of stock in the western section of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal; which resolutions were referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Buchanan, from the managers appointed to conduct the impeachment before the Senate of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri, reported that the testimony in the case had been closed, and that the Senate had postponed further proceedings on the said impeachment until to-morrow.

Mr. Bell, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 59,) entitled "An act to enable the President to extinguish Indian title within the State of Indiana," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Martin D. Follet; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Madame le Comte de Piernas; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. McCoy, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Jumonville de Villiers; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Young, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Henry Fried; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Rebecca Spencer, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Beekman, from the Committee of Elections, to which the subject was referred on the 3d instant, reported a bill (No. 555) regulating the manner of taking evidence in cases of contested elections of members of the House of Representatives; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the cases of Antoine Barrague, Josiah Jenkins, John Deck, Ransom Moore, and Squire Allen, and that they lie on the table.

Mr. McIntire, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Godfroy and Beaugraud, accompanied by a bill (No. 556) for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of so much of a communication from the Quartermaster General to that committee as relates to a provision for "a cistern for the purpose of collecting and preserving water for the use of the troops at fortress Monroe," and that the same be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.



Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Theophilus Collins; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Wingate, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Dewees and others; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 47,) entitled "An act to amend the 'act to quiet the titles of certain purchasers of lands between the lines of Ludlow and Roberts, in the State of Ohio,' approved May 26, 1830," reported the same with amendments.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. Haynes yesterday, proposing an inquiry into the expediency of reducing the duty on brown sugar;

And after further debate thereon, by unanimous consent,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Public Expenditures, made on the 7th instant, in relation to a uniform rule for computing the mileage of members of Congress.

A motion was made by Mr. Chilton, that the said report be recommitted to the Committee on Public Expenditures, with instructions to report to this House a *bill* containing the following provisions, viz:

*First.* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate, and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, previous to issuing certificates to the members of their respective Houses for the amounts to which said members may be entitled for mileage to and from the seat of the General Government, to obtain from each member so applying for a certificate a statement, according to the best of his knowledge, of the distance from the Capitol in the city of Washington to the residence of said member, computed upon the nearest route which may be conveniently travelled, and is necessarily and most usually travelled from the one to the other point; which said statement shall be signed by the member making the same.

*Second.* That said Secretary and Sergeant shall record said statements, so made and signed, each, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose; and that the Secretary of the Treasury, in publishing his annual statement of the amounts paid to members, shall distinguish between the amount paid for the per diem allowance and the amount for mileage to each member, placing the number of miles charged for opposite the amount allowed.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall to amend the said instructions by striking out from the word "*bill*" to the end thereof, and inserting the following: "making it the duty of the Secretary of the Senate and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, with the aid of the Postmaster General, at the end of every session, to make an estimate, as nearly as possible, of the actual distance (in a direct line) of the residence of each member of the Senate, House of Representatives, and Delegate of a Territory, from the seat of Government; and that the mileage of members of Congress and Delegates be computed, and their accounts for travelling be settled, according to such estimate."

And after debate, the period allotted by the rule for the consideration of reports having expired,

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, that the said rule be suspended; which motion was disagreed to by the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, and is as follows:

WASHINGTON, January 11, 1831.

*To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

I transmit to Congress a report of the Secretary of State, with the report to him from the Patent Office which accompanied it, in relation to the concerns of that office, and recommend the whole subject to early and favorable consideration.

ANDREW JACKSON.

*Ordered*, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanied by a list of all the patents granted by the United States for the encouragement of arts and sciences, alphabetically arranged, containing in consecutive order all patents for inventions and improvements relating to the same subject, designating the names of patentees, with the dates of their patents, together with the acts of Congress relating to patents, and a digest of decisions under the said laws, made in the courts of the United States; prepared in obedience to the order of this House of April 2d, 1830; which letter and list were laid on the table.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 538) making appropriations for revolutionary and invalid pensioners; and the amendments reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, being read, were concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Shields, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 16. An act for the relief of Aaron Fitzgerald;

No. 24. An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;

No. 502. An act to change the time of holding the rule term of the circuit court for the district of West Tennessee;

No. 25. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for paying to the State of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same;"

And found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 528) making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831; and the amendments reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, yesterday, being read, were in part agreed to by the House, and in part disagreed to.

The following amendment was then again read, viz: insert in said bill, after line 347, (of the printed bill,) the following:

"For surveying the public lands, including the amount of arrearages due for the last year, *one hundred and thirty thousand dollars.*"

A motion was made by Mr. McCoy to amend the said amendment by striking out "one hundred and thirty thousand dollars," and inserting "sixty thousand dollars;" which motion was disagreed to by the House.

The question was then put to agree to the aforesaid amendment to the said bill,

And passed in the affirmative.

The amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union being gone through,

A motion was made by Mr. Stanberry further to amend the said bill, by striking out from the following item, viz:

"For the salaries of the Ministers of the United States to Great Britain, France, Spain, *Russia*, the Netherlands, and Colombia, *fifty-four thousand dollars*,"

The word "*Russia*" and the words "*fifty-four thousand dollars*," and inserting, in lieu of the latter words, "*forty-five thousand dollars*," so as to make the said item read,

"For the salaries of the Ministers of the United States to Great Britain, France, Spain, the Netherlands, and Colombia, *forty-five thousand dollars*;"

And thereupon,

The House adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock meridian.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1831.

On leave asked and obtained,

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of William Smith, administrator of John Taylor, deceased, late of the State of Alabama, praying that the relinquishment made by said administrator of a tract of land which had belonged to the estate of said Taylor, but which he had sold in his lifetime to another person, of which sale the administrator was ignorant, may be cancelled; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Benjamin S. Smoot, of the State of Alabama, praying to be compensated for certain services rendered by him in the capacity of Marshal of the State of Alabama; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No 56,) entitled "An act supplementary to the several laws for the sale of the public lands," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Thursday, the 20th instant.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 46,) entitled "An act for the relief of John Riddle," made, verbally, an adverse report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Trezvant, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 55,) entitled "An act for the relief of William Christy," made, verbally, an adverse report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Edmund Town and William Clark, and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 243) supplementary to the act to authorize the President of the United States to run and mark a line dividing the Territory of Florida from the State of Georgia, be discharged, and that the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the case of David Hall; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Doddridge, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was committed the bill (No. 517) to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, into and within the District of Columbia, reported the same with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Monday next, the 17th instant.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 515) to extend the act for further extending the powers of the judges of the superior court of the Territory of Arkansas under the act of the 26th of May, 1824, and for other purposes, be discharged, and that the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Mallary, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred so much of the President's message as relates to the tariff of duties on imports, and so much thereof as respects manufactures, made a report; which was read, and laid on the table, and six thousand copies thereof were ordered to be printed for the use of the members of this House.

Mr. Monell, from the same committee, then presented a paper containing a report of the opinions and views of the minority of the Committee on Manufactures on the subject matter embraced in the report of that committee, just made by Mr. Mallary; which paper was read, and six thousand copies thereof were ordered to be printed, and appended to the report of the said committee.

Mr. Wingate, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Robert Smith, of Alabama; which was read, and laid on the table.

On leave asked and obtained,

Mr. Drayton presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, setting forth that the duties imposed in the island of Cuba upon American ships and cargoes are so disproportionate to those which are levied upon Spanish ships and cargoes entering the ports of the United States, that, if continued, they will give the carrying trade between Cuba and the United States exclusively to Spanish vessels; and that the duties upon American rice in the kingdom of Portugal and its dependencies are so high as to amount to a prohibition, notwithstanding a recent reduction of the duties upon Madeira and other Portuguese wines imported into the United States; the memorialists, therefore, pray Congress to adopt such measures as may be deemed most expedient to remedy the evils complained of; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Buchanan, from the managers appointed to conduct before the Senate the impeachment of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri, reported that further proceeding in the trial of the said impeachment had been postponed by the Senate until Monday next, the 17th instant.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to notify this House that the Senate have appointed Mr. Naudain of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, in the place of Mr. Willey, who has been excused. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Shields, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 18. An act for the relief of Thomas Fitzgerald;

No. 51. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for paying to the States of Missouri, Mississippi, and Alabama, three per cent. of the nett proceeds of the sales of public lands within the same;"

And found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. Haynes on the 11th instant, proposing an inquiry into the expediency of reducing the duty on brown sugar;

And after further debate thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. White, of Louisiana, that the further consideration of the said resolution be postponed until Monday, the 24th instant;

And the question being put,

It passed in the affirmative.

The House then resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Public Expenditures, made on the 7th instant, in relation to a uniform rule for computing the mileage of members of Congress.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Hall, to amend the motion made by Mr. Chilton yesterday, that the said report be recommitted to the Committee on Public Expenditures with instructions;

And after further debate, the hour allotted by the rule for the consideration of reports and resolutions expired; when

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of War, containing the information called for on the 11th instant, in relation to the measures which had been taken to carry into effect the provisions of an act providing for the printing and binding 60,000 copies of the Abstract of Infantry Tactics, including Manœuvres of Light Infantry and Riflemen, and for other purposes, passed March 2, 1829; which letter was read, and referred to the Committee on the Militia.

II. A letter from the Secretary of War, communicating such information as is at this time attainable, upon the subject of roads constructed by the army of the United States, called for by the House on the 15th of December ultimo; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

III. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a list of the names of the persons employed as clerks in the Department of War in the year 1830, with the compensation of each; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

IV. A memorial of the clerks in the office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States, praying for an increase of compensation; which memorial was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

V. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting, in obedience to the resolutions of the House of Representatives of January 13, 1812, and April 2, 1830, a list of the names of persons to whom patents have been granted, in the year 1830, for new and useful inventions; which letter and list were laid on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, as follows:

WASHINGTON, 12th January, 1831.

*To the House of Representatives:*

I transmit to Congress a report from the Director of the Mint, exhibiting the operations of that institution during the year 1830.

ANDREW JACKSON.

*Ordered*, That the said message do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 60. An act to provide for the payment of Joshua Kennedy, of Alabama, for the losses sustained by him by the destruction of his property, in the year 1813, by the hostile Creek Indians, in consequence of its having been occupied as a fort or garrison by the troops of the United States;

No. 64. An act supplemental to the "act granting the right of pre-emption to settlers on the public lands," approved the 29th day of May, 1830;

No. 65. An act to incorporate the Saint Vincent's Orphan Asylum, in the District of Columbia;

No. 66. An act for the relief of Joseph S. Cannon;

In which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 60. To the Committee of Claims;

No. 64. To the Committee on the Public Lands;

No. 65. To the Committee for the District of Columbia; and

No. 66. To the Committee on Naval Affairs.

An engrossed bill, (No. 538,) entitled "An act making appropriations for revolutionary and invalid pensioners," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 528) making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831.

The question recurred on the amendment moved by Mr. Stanberry yesterday;

And after debate thereon,

The House adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock meridian.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1831.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the case of John Menary, accompanied by a bill (No. 557) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Amariah Squirrel, administrator of Jacob Squirrel, accompanied by a bill (No. 558) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Wingate, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Ebenezer Gilbert; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Shields, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States enrolled bills and an enrolled resolution of the following titles, viz:

No. 502. An act to change the time of holding the rule term of the circuit court for the district of West Tennessee;

No. 16. An act for the relief of Aaron Fitzgerald;

No. 24. An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;

No. 25. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for paying to the State of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same;"

No. 39. An act for the benefit of schools in Lawrence county, in the State of Mississippi;

Resolution in relation to the transmission of public documents printed by order of either House of Congress.

Mr. Drayton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (No. 559) making appropriations for certain expenditures on account of the Engineer, Ordnance, and Quartermaster's departments; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Drayton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, which was instructed, on the 17th of December last, to inquire into the expediency of establishing a military post or garrison at the mouth of Little river, in the southwest corner of the territory of Arkansas, made an adverse report thereon; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Verplanck, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 560) making appropriations for the Indian Department for the year 1831; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Ihrie, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill (No. 561) supplemental to an act entitled "An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers;" which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Doddridge, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 65,) entitled "An act, to incorporate Saint Vincent's Orphan Asylum, in the District of Columbia," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, which was instructed, on the 17th of December last, to inquire into the expediency of extending the confirmations of the inhabitants of Prairie du Chien, in the Territory of Michigan, in such manner as to embrace a portion of woodland, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James Gandy and sons, and that it lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be, also, discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Amos Wade, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Hemphill, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which the subject was referred on the 13th of December last, reported a bill (No. 562) to erect a bridge over the Ohio river near Wheeling; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Kennon,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing Sterling Johnson a compensation for an injury done to his dwelling-house in the town of St. Clairsville by the construction of the Cumberland road.

On motion of Mr. Test,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making another appropriation for continuing the graduating and bridging the national road through the State of Indiana, and that the letter of the Secretary of War of the 8th of January, together with a letter of the road commissioner, dated 20th December, 1830, showing the state of the funds appropriated for that object, be referred to the same committee.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Public Expenditures, made on the 7th instant, in relation to a uniform rule for computing the mileage of members of Congress.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Hall, to amend the motion made by Mr. Chilton on the 12th instant, that the said report be re-committed to the Committee on Public Expenditures with the instructions set forth in the proceedings of the 12th instant: when

A motion was made by Mr. Craig to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Hall, by adding thereto the following, viz: "with an allowance of ten per cent. for variation from a direct line."

Pending the question on this amendment,

A motion was made by Mr. De Witt, that the said report and amendments do lie on the table;

And the question being put on this motion,

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas,	: . . . . .	26,
	{ Nays,	: . . . . .	158.

The yeas and-nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. James Buchanan, Nicholas D. Coleman, Richard Coulter, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Edward Everett, Benjamin Gorham, Innis Green, Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hammons, Thomas Hinds, Michael Hoffman, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Jennings, Cave Johnson, Humphrey H. Leavitt, George G. Leiper, Rufus McIntire, Daniel H. Miller, Walter H. Overton, James Shields, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, Campbell P. White, and Edward D. White.—26.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, John S. Barbour, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Lewis Conduct, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, George Grennell, jr., Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey,



Joseph Hawkins, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Ebenezer F. Norton, William T. Nuckolls, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, James Standefer, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—158.

The question was then put on the amendment moved by Mr. Craig, And decided in the negative.

The question was then put to agree to the amendment moved by Mr. Hall,

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 115,  
Nays, . . . . . 80.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William Armstrong, John S. Barbour, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Berst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Robert Craig, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., Horace Everett, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Dutee J. Pearce, Robert Potter, Gershom Powers, William Ramsey, John Reed, Abram Reacher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, James Standefer, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wi-

ley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, John Varnum, Guliah C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Joel Yancey.—115.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William G. Angel, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Thomas Beekman, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, John Campbell, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Edmund Deberry, Charles G. De Witt, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, William Drayton, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, John Gilmore, Benjamin Gorham, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Ralph I. Ingersoll, William W. Irvin, Jonathan Jennings, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, George G. Leiper, Dixon H. Lewis, Henry C. Martindale, William McCreery, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Ebenezer F. Norton, Walter H. Overton, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, James F. Randolph, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, and Ebenezer Young.—80.

The question then recurred to agree to the motion made by Mr. Chilton, to recommit the said report, with the instructions amended as aforesaid;

And after further debate, the hour allotted by the rule expired: when

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of War, made in obedience to the order of the House of the 7th instant, directing him "to inform the House whether any, and, if any, what additions are necessary to be made to the corps of military and topographical engineers, exclusively for military purposes;" which report was read, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the names of the clerks employed in the Department of State during the year 1830, with the compensation of each; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill from this House, (No. 480,) entitled "An act for closing certain accounts, and making appropriations for arrearages, in the Indian Department." The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz:

- No. 6. An act concerning the gold coins of the United States;
- No. 17. An act authorizing the sale of a tract of land therein named;
- No. 62. An act for the relief of Woodson Wren, of Mississippi;
- No. 67. An act granting a pension to Martin Miller;
- No. 69. An act for the relief of Samuel Coburn, of the State of Mississippi;
- No. 70. An act for the relief of certain holders of certificates issued in lieu of lands injured by earthquakes in Missouri;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bills from the Senate were severally read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 6. To the committee appointed on the 14th of December last upon the subject of foreign coins;

No. 17. } To the Committee on the Public Lands;

No. 70. }

No. 62. } To the Committee on Private Land Claims;

No. 69. }

No. 67. To the Committee on Military Pensions.

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the bill (No. 80) for the relief of Nathaniel Patten, be postponed until Monday next, the 17th instant.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Findlay reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 330) for the relief of James Monroe, and that he was directed to report the said bill to the House, with the enacting words thereof stricken out.

On motion of Mr. Alston, it was then

*Ordered*, That when this House shall adjourn to-day, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next, the 17th instant.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1831.



Mr. Haynes moved the following resolutions, viz:

*Resolved*, That, during the argument of counsel in the impeachment now pending in the Senate against James H. Peck, District Judge of Missouri, this House will, *from day to day*, resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, and attend the same; and that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Resolved*, That during the said argument the hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, after this day, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The said resolutions being read,

A motion was made by Mr. Williams to amend the first resolution by striking out the words "*from day to day*," and inserting "*this day*;"

And the question being put to agree to this amendment,

It was decided in the negative.

The question was then put to agree to the said resolutions,

And passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Davis, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of this House inform the Guardians of the Poor of this city that they have leave to take from the surplus wood in the yard attached to this House forty cords of wood, if so much be necessary, for immediate distribution among the suffering poor of this city.

The said resolution being read, debate arose thereon: when

The previous question was moved by Mr. Whittlesey; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

A motion was made by Mr. Polk, that the said resolution do lie on the table; which motion being disagreed to by the House,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, viz: Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 136,  
  { Nays, . . . . . 51.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William S. Archer, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, John S. Barbour, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Elias Brown, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chilton, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crocket, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Benjamin Gorham, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Adam King, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Ebenezer F. Norton, Walter H. Overton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Richard Spencer, William Stanberry, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.—136.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Daniel L. Barringer, James Blair, Abraham Bockes, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Henry B. Cowles, Thomas Davenport, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Jonas Earll, jr., Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Lea-

vitt, Joseph Lecompte, George Loyall, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, William T. Nuckolls, James K. Polk, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Samuel F. Vinton, John W. Weeks, and Lewis Williams.—51.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, which he delivered in at the Speaker's table.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House and proceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Martin, from the said committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial by the Senate of the said impeachment; that further progress had been made therein, and that the Court of Impeachment had adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 12 o'clock meridian.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock A. M.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1831.

Mr. Evans, of Maine, presented a petition of David Marston, of the State of Maine;

Mr. Harvey presented a petition of Elias Abbott, of the State of New Hampshire;

Mr. Davis, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of John Boyd, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Hodges presented a petition of revolutionary soldiers residing in the towns of North Providence, Pawtucket, Attleboro', and Seekonk, in the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Hodges presented a petition of Henry Andrews, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Reed presented a petition of Nathaniel Thomas, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Barber, of Connecticut, presented a petition of Daniel Stoddard, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Sanford presented a petition of Jedediah Kingsley, of the State of New York;

Mr. Norton presented a petition of William Letson, of the State of New York;

Mr. Magee presented a petition of Gould Ferris, a petition of Josep Fanshee, and a petition of Beriah Stiles, all of the State of New York;

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of David Clapp, of the State of New York;

Mr. Buchanan presented a petition of Samuel Linton, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Vinton presented a petition of Joseph Black, of the State of Ohio;

Mr. Norton presented a petition of Robert Dickson, of the State of New York;

Mr. Whittlesey presented a petition of Joseph Lane, of the State of Ohio;

praying, respectively, that their names may be inscribed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of David Davis, of the State of New Hampshire, praying to be paid the arrears of pension to which he conceives himself entitled.

Mr. Howard presented a petition of Barbara Reily, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying to be paid the arrears of pension to which her husband, William Reily, deceased, was entitled, as, also, for a grant of the bounty in land to which he was entitled, as a major in the army of the Revolution.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Swan,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Daniel Ent, senior, presented January 29, 1827, and the petition of Cuthbert Sims, presented January 18, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Conner,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Samuel Espy, presented February 26, 1827, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, and that said committee be instructed to report specially on the said petition.

On motion of Mr. Conner,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Jeremiah Adams, presented May 17, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, and that said committee be instructed to report specially on the said petition.

On motion of Mr. Wingate,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Charles Little, of the State of Maine, presented January 18, 1830, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Azariah Webb, presented May 10, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Hazen Bedel, presented January 11, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Sill,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William Hoffman, presented March 1, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. McCreery presented a petition of the Trustees of Jefferson College, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for aid and patronage from the Government of the United States.

Mr. Gurley presented a petition of Joseph Hebert, of the State of Louisiana; also, a petition of Hilaire Hebert, of the State of Louisiana; praying, respectively, that their claims to certain lands in their petitions described may be confirmed.

Mr. Overton presented a petition of Dominique Richard, of the State of Louisiana, praying that his claim to certain lands may be confirmed.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Davis, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of inhabitants of the towns of Oxford, Dudley, and Douglas, in the State of Massachusetts, and of the towns of Burrillville, Smithfield, and Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, praying for the establishment of a post route; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Grennell presented a memorial of inhabitants of the town of Hawley, in the county of Franklin, in the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Sutherland presented memorials of inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Miller presented memorials of inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Hemphill presented memorials of inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Ellsworth presented a memorial of inhabitants of the city of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut;

praying, respectively, that the act passed at the last session of Congress, providing for the removal of the Indians on the east of the river Mississippi to the western side of that river, may be repealed, and that said Indians may be protected in all the rights secured to them by treaties between said Indians and the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Barber, of Connecticut,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Thomas Coit, presented May 29, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Campbell P. White presented a memorial of the Trustees and of the Presidents of certain Insurance Companies in the city of New York, claimants under the convention between the United States and the King of Denmark, signed at Copenhagen on the 28th March, 1830, praying that the amount due to a subject of Denmark, on account of the Danish brigantine Henrick, captured by a ship of war of the United States in the year 1799, and which was relinquished to the United States by said convention, and being a part of the consideration for which the claims of the citizens of the United States upon Denmark have been released, may be added to the sum paid by his Danish Majesty, and placed under the control of the Commissioners, to be distributed among those for whose benefit the convention was intended.

Mr. Sutherland presented a similar memorial of Insurance Companies in the city of Philadelphia.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. John S. Barbour, presented a petition of Philip Slaughter, of the State of Virginia, praying to be allowed and paid the interest on the sum recently paid him as his commutation of half pay as a captain in the army of the Revolution.

Mr. John S. Barbour presented a petition of John Jameson, of the State of Virginia, praying to be paid the commutation of half pay to which his late father, John Jameson, deceased, was entitled as an officer in the army of the Revolution.

Mr. Craig presented a petition of James Brownlee, of the State of Virginia, only heir at law of his mother, who was the widow of Alexander Brownlee, an officer of the army of the revolution, who was killed in battle, praying to be paid the seven years' half pay of his father, to which his mother was entitled by resolution of the old Congress, as the widow of an officer killed in battle.

Mr. Doddridge presented a petition of James Holland, of the State of Virginia, praying compensation for services as a soldier in the army of the Revolution.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Sarah Mahan, widow of Col. John Mahan, deceased, an officer of the Pennsylvania line of the revolutionary army, praying to be paid the commutation of half pay to which her late husband was entitled.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Wickliffe presented a petition of Nancy Pearson, widow of Thomas Pearson, late of the State of Kentucky, deceased, praying to be paid the commutation of half pay to which her late husband was entitled as an officer in the army of the Revolution; which petition was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Oswego, in the State of New York, praying that an appropriation may be made for the improvement of the navigation of the mouth of Oak Orchard creek, on lake Ontario.

Mr. Foster presented a petition of James McDowall, of the State of Georgia, merchant, praying that a certain excess of duties, which he conceives he has been compelled to pay on goods imported by him from Great Britain, may be refunded to him.

Mr. Biddle presented a petition of lumber merchants and manufacturers, residing in the Territory of Michigan, setting forth the great inequality which exists in the acts imposing duties on lumber in the ports of the United States, and those of the British province of Canada, which inequality operates injuriously upon the interests of citizens of the United States, and praying such relief in the premises as, in the wisdom of Congress, may seem meet.

Mr. Biddle presented a petition of inhabitants of Green Bay, in the Territory of Michigan, praying that a port of entry may be established at the mouth of Fox river.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Hemphill presented a memorial signed by R. Taylor, John Ridge, and W. S. Coodey, delegates of the Cherokee nation of Indians east of the Mississippi river, specially appointed for the purpose, remonstrating against the extending of the laws of the States, respectively, within whose limits the territory occupied by said nation may lie, over the said nation, and praying protection from the Government of the Union; as, also, that no further attempts may be made to induce the removal of the nation to the western side of the river Mississippi; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Irwin, of Pennsylvania,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William McClellan, presented December 18, 1804, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Draper,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William Kenney, presented December 10, 1828, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Howard presented a petition of Hugh McDonald, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be paid for a horse lost in the military service in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Hemphill presented a petition of John Steele, sole acting executor of the last will and testament of John Steele, late of the city of Philadelphia, deceased, praying to be reimbursed moneys expended by the testator for public purposes while collector of the revenue for the port and district of



Philadelphia; also, that additional compensation may be made for his services for certain years therein specified.

Mr. Dudley presented a petition of Bennet Riley, a major in the army of the United States, praying to be paid for a horse of which he was robbed by a party of Indians while he was charged with the escort and protection of a party of traders on the Santa Fe road in 1829.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of John Conard, marshal of the eastern district of Pennsylvania, praying to be paid certain fees to which he is entitled for the execution of a fieri facias, issued at the suit of the United States against a certain Edward Thompson, and which fees he could not make out of the goods seized, in consequence of his being ordered to release the same by the proper officer of the Government.

Mr. Davis, of South Carolina, presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Missouri, praying that the sessions of the district court of the United States for that State may be held, alternately, at the cities of St. Louis and Jefferson.

Mr. Pettis presented a petition of Joseph V. Garnier, of the State of Missouri, praying to be paid for services rendered by him to the United States as clerk of the superior court of the late Territory of Missouri.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Howard presented a petition of Samuel and William Meeteer, paper makers, praying that the supply of paper for printing ordered by Congress may be given to the person who will supply the same at the lowest price; which petition was referred to the Committee of Accounts.

Mr. Vance presented a remonstrance of inhabitants of the State of Ohio against the making of the towns of Dayton and Eaton points in the location of the Cumberland road now making through that State; which remonstrance was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Russel,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William Wickersham, presented January 4, 1830, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Duncan presented a memorial of officers of the army of the United States in the late war with Great Britain, praying that lands may be granted to officers of that army, and to the heirs of those who died or were killed in service, or who have since died.

Mr. Biddle presented a petition of Charles M. Davis, Alonzo G. Hammond, Emerson Hull, and Stephen Clark, of the State of New York, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of certain lands in the Territory of Michigan may be granted to them and their associates, on certain terms therein mentioned.

Mr. Lewis presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, praying that further relief may be granted to a certain description of purchasers of public lands within that State, and that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of lands may be extended to certain other inhabitants of said State.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions and memorial be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. McCreery presented memorials of inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, and of Ohio county, in the State of Virginia;

Mr. Doddridge presented memorials of inhabitants of the county of Ohio, in the State of Virginia;

Mr. Shields presented a memorial of inhabitants of Butler county, in the State of Ohio;

Mr. Whittlesey presented a memorial of inhabitants of the towns of Johnson and Fowler, in the State of Ohio; praying, respectively, that the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day may be prohibited.

Mr. Gilmore presented a remonstrance of inhabitants of the city of Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Leavitt presented a remonstrance of inhabitants of the county of Jefferson, in the State of Ohio;

Mr. Russel presented a remonstrance of inhabitants of the county of Brown, in the State of Ohio;

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a remonstrance of inhabitants of the city of Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania; remonstrating, respectively, against the passage of any law interfering with the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials and remonstrances be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Russel presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Ohio, praying that provision may be made for constructing a national road from Zanesville, in the State of Ohio, to Florence, in the State of Alabama; which petition was committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 366) to construct a national road from Zanesville, in Ohio, to Florence, in Alabama.

Mr. Finch presented a petition of Benjamin Stafford, of the State of New York, praying for a pension; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Grennell,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Ebenezer Whitney be recommitted to the Committee on Military Pensions.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill (No. 87) entitled "An act to enable the President to employ vessels for the purposes therein mentioned;" in which bill I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the cases of Asa Fuller, Archibald Jackson, Adam Hall, and Caze and Richard; which reports was severally laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of James White, and that it be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Ingersoll, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Haggerty and Austin; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Ingersoll, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Hone and Sons; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Irvin, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 563) to establish the number of clerks, and fix their compensation, in the General Land Office; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Doddridge, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the petition of the Corporation of Georgetown, reported a bill (No. 564) to alter the bridge and draw over the Potomac river, in the District of Columbia; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Ihrie, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill (No. 565) to provide for the appointment of commissioners to digest, prepare, and report to Congress, at the next session thereof, a code of statute law, civil and criminal, for the District of Columbia; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Verplanck, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 566) making additional appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors, and removing obstructions in the mouths of certain rivers; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 67,) entitled "An act granting a pension to Martin Miller," made, verbally, an adverse report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Bockee, from the Committee on Military Pensions, made an unfavorable report on the petition of David Brooks; which was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 543) for the relief of John H. Wendell.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James B. Requa, and that it lie on the table.

The message received from the President of the United States yesterday was read, as follows:

January 15, 1831.

*To the House of Representatives:*

I submit to the consideration of Congress the accompanying report and documents from the Navy Department, in relation to the capture of the Spanish slave vessel called "The Fenix," and recommend that suitable legislative provision be made for the maintenance of the unfortunate captives, pending the legislation which has grown out of the case.

ANDREW JACKSON.

*Ordered*, That the said message be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, communicating a report in relation to the annual sum necessary to maintain a Navy yard for building and equipping ships with despatch, called for by the House on the 31st of December last; which report was read, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating the information called for by the House on the 28th of December last, touching the cost of brown and white sugar imported into the United States from the year 1794 to 1830, inclusive, at the places from whence imported, distinguishing the prices of each year, respectively; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Smith, by leave of the House, moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the use of this hall be granted to John Foulke, a member

of the society of Friends, at 7 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of delivering a religious discourse.

The said resolution being read,

A motion was made by Mr. Hall that it lie on the table; which motion was disagreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Mercer to amend the said resolution, by adding thereto the following, viz:

"And that the Colonization Society, also, have leave to occupy this hall to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock;"

And on the question to agree to this amendment,

It passed in the affirmative.

The question was then put to agree to the said resolution as amended,

And passed in the affirmative.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Martin, from the said committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment; that further progress had been made therein, and that the Court of Impeachment had adjourned to meet again to-morrow, at 12 o'clock meridian.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock A. M.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1831.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 53,) entitled "An act for the relief of Francis Larche, of New Orleans," made a report thereon, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands, which was instructed, on the 17th ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of granting all the lands that have been returned by the Surveyors as swamp and inundated, in Florida, to the Territory of Florida, the proceeds of the sales of which to be applied to the improvement of the navigation of the rivers of said Territory," be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Verplanck, from the committee appointed on the 17th of September last on the memorial of surviving officers of the army of the Revolution, reported a bill (No. 567) supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Gibson, and that it lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill entitled "An act concerning town and village commons in Missouri." The Senate have passed the bill of this House (No. 210) entitled "An act to establish a land office in the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes," with amendments; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill of this

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*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Bockee, from the Committee on Military Pensions, made an unfavorable report on the petition of David Brooks; which was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 549) for the relief of John H. Wendell.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James B. Requa, and that it lie on the table.

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Mr. Smith, by leave of the House, moved the following resolution, viz:

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. John Bailey, Robert W. Barnwell, William W. Ellsworth, Joshua Evans, Isaac Finch, Joseph Hawkins, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Jabez W. Huntington, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, Perkins King, George G. Leiper, Henry C. Martindale, Rufus McIntire, Ebenezer F. Norton, Walter H. Overton, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, Robert S. Rose, Jonah Sanford, Ambrose Spencer, William L. Storrs, Samuel F. Vinton, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, and Edward D. White—27.

The joint resolution relative to the pay of members of Congress was read the second time, amended, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. McDuffie from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 50,) entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make compensation to the heirs of Taliaferro Livingston and Thomas W. Armstrong for the maintenance of fifteen Africans illegally imported into the United States," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Potter moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to furnish this House with the monthly returns exhibiting the transactions of the Bank of the United States for the year 1830.

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation of money to erect a beacon on the White Oyster Beds in Savannah river.

Mr. Wickliffe moved the following resolutions, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of dismissing from the Army the supernumerary second Lieutenants by brevet commission.

*Resolved*, That the committee also inquire into the expediency of fixing the age between seventeen and twenty-one years as the period of admission into the West Point academy; and that all the graduates from time to time at that institution shall be discharged from the Army when not needed in the actual service of the country.

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The said resolutions were read; and, after debate thereon, the hour allotted by the rule for the consideration of reports and resolutions expired: when

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee

House (No. 533) entitled "An act to extend the time for entering certain donation claims to land in the Territory of Arkansas," without amendment. The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 11. An act for the relief of George Johnson;

No. 72. An act for the relief of Ezekiel Canfield;

No. 73. An act for the relief of Hugh Barnes;

No. 74. An act to authorize the Territory of Florida to open a canal through the public lands between Chipola river and St. Andrew's bay, in West Florida;

No. 75. An act for the relief of Peters and Pond;  
in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Public Expenditures, made on the 7th instant, in relation to a uniform rule for computing the mileage of members of Congress.

The question recurred to agree to the motion made by Mr. Chilton on the 12th instant, to recommit the said report to the Committee on Public Expenditures, with instructions amended to read as follows: "To report a bill making it the duty of the Secretary of the Senate and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, with the aid of the Postmaster General, at the end of every session, to make an estimate, as nearly as possible, of the actual distance (in a direct line) of the residence of each member of the Senate, House of Representatives, and delegate of a Territory, from the seat of Government; and that the mileage of members of Congress and delegates be computed, and their accounts for travelling be settled, according to such estimate;"

And the said question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	120,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	27.

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, Noyes Barber, John S. Barbour, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard M. Cooper, Robert Craig, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., George Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Chauncey Forward, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutce J. Pearce, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, John Reed,

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And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock A. M.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1830.

Another member, viz:

*From the State of Tennessee*—Jacob S. Isacks appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. Hall, from the Committee on Public Expenditures, in obedience to the instructions of the House, reported a bill (No. 568) to establish a uniform mode for computing mileage of members of Congress and delegates from Territories; which was read the first and second time.

A motion was then made by Mr. Chilton to amend said bill, by adding thereto the following section, viz:

*“And be it further enacted,* That, from and after the passage of this act, the pay of members of the Senate, House of Representatives, and delegates of Territories, shall be at the rate of six dollars per day, for each day's attendance on the business of the Senate or House of Representatives, and six dollars for every twenty miles travel to and from the seat of Government, estimated according to the rule established in this act.”

And, after debate on the said motion to amend,

The previous question was called for by Mr. Carson; and being demanded by a majority of the members present.

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put? And passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill be engrossed, and read the third time?

And passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 569) for the relief of William Smith, administrator of John Taylor, deceased; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported an amendatory bill (No. 119) further to amend an act entitled “An act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post Office Department;” which amendatory bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. White, of New York, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the case of Henry Eckford, accompanied by a bill (No. 570) authorizing the purchase from Henry Eckford of certain lands for public purposes; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Shields, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 19th instant, present to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 18. An act for the relief of Thomas Fitzgerald;

No. 51. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for paying to the States of Missouri, Mississippi, and Alabama, three per centum of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same."

Mr. Shields, from the same committee, also reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 480) entitled "An act for closing certain accounts, and making appropriations for arrearages, in the Indian Department," and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Trezvant,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the cases of Archibald Jackson, Beverly Roy, William A. Tennille, and Simeon Griswold; and that the said cases do lie on the table.

Mr. Letcher, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which the subject was referred on the 10th instant, reported a bill (No. 571) to authorize an appropriation to turnpike the mail road between Rockville and the Monocacy bridge, in the State of Maryland; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. Wickliffe yesterday;

And the question being put to agree to the said resolution,

It passed in the affirmative.

The resolution moved by Mr. Potter yesterday, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the manner of issuing patents on confirmed land claims in Florida.

On motion of Mr. McCreery,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to Thomas McClelland, of Washington county, in the State of Pennsylvania, compensation for a horse, saddle, saddle-bags, and blanket, which were taken from him by the enemy during the revolutionary war.

On motion of Mr. Crockett,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of James Crawford, of Tipton county, in the State of Tennessee, a soldier of the revolutionary war, on the pension list; and that the papers herewith transmitted be referred to said committee.

Mr. Leiper moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Postmaster General be requested to communicate to this House the causes of the irregularity in the arrival of the eastern mail; to what the failure is attributable, and what remedy can be provided to prevent this delay.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill of this House, (No. 514,) entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district court of the United States for the district of Alabama," with an amendment; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and pre-

ceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Martin, from the said committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment; that further progress had been made therein; and that the Court of Impeachment had adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 12 o'clock meridian. And then the House adjourned.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1831.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Underwood, referred on the 29th of December; which report was laid on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report on the petition of James Templeton; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. McIntire, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Thomas Armstrong and Elizabeth Armstrong; which was read, and laid on the table.

The resolution moved by Mr. Leiper yesterday, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Drayton moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House the number and rank of field and company officers now upon duty with their regiments or companies, or exercising appointments in the staff, or any other appointments, which detach them from their regiments or companies; and, also, the number of officers who are upon furlough, distinguishing their grades, and the length of time for which their furloughs have been, respectively, granted.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting "a digested manual, containing the best practical information on the cultivation of sugar cane, and the fabrication and refinement of sugar, including the most modern improvements," prepared in obedience to the order of the House of the 25th January, 1830; which letter and manual were laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, upon the subject of a reduction in the number of officers in the Army of the United States, prepared in obedience to an order of the House of the 26th April, 1830; which report was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, made in obedience to so much of the order of the House of the 7th instant, as relates to an increase of topographical engineers; which report was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

An engrossed bill (No 568) entitled "An act to establish a uniform mode of computing mileage of members of Congress and delegates from Territories," was read the third time;

And on the question, shall the said bill pass?

It passed in the affirmative,	{	Yeas,	. . . . .	129,
	{	Nays,	. . . . .	31.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John S. Barbour, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleong, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Richard M. Cooper, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., Horace Everett, James Findlay, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaiher, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Cave Johnson, John Kincaid, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyal, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, William Russell, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepherd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Joseph F. Wingate, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—129.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. John Bailey, Robert W. Barnwell, Joseph H. Crane, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John D. Dickinson, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Isaac Finch, George Grennell, jr., Charles E. Haynes, Thomas H. Hughes, Jabez W. Huntington, Jonathan Jennings, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, Perkins King, George G. Leiper, Henry C. Martindale, Rufus McIntire, Ebenezer F. Norton, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, Robert S. Rose, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, Elisha Whittlesey, and Ephraim K. Wilson.—31.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 514) entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district court of the United States for the district of Alabama," were read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 210) entitled "An act to establish a land office in the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes," were read, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 11. An act for the relief of George Johnson;

No. 72. An act for the relief of Ezekiel Canfield;

No. 73. An act for the relief of Hugh Barnes;

No. 74. An act to authorize the Territory of Florida to open a canal through the public lands between Chipola river and St. Andrew's bay, in West Florida;

No. 75. An act for the relief of Peters and Pond;  
were, severally, read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 11. To the Committee of Claims;

No. 72. To the Committee on Revolutionary Claims;

No. 73. To the Committee on Military Pensions;

No. 74. To the Committee on Internal Improvements;

No. 75. To the Committee on Commerce.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill from this House, (No. 538,) entitled "An act making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and invalid pensioners." The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 76. An act for the relief of John Daley, late of Canada;

No. 78. An act making provision for the compensation of witnesses, and payment of other expenses attending the trial of the impeachment of James H. Peck;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

An engrossed joint resolution relative to the pay of members of Congress, was read the third time, and the question was stated, Shall the said resolution pass?

And, after debate thereon, (the hour of 12 o'clock having arrived,)

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber to attend the trial by the Senate of the impeachment of James H. Peck, district judge of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Martin, from the said committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial by the Senate of the said impeachment. that further progress had been made therein, and that the court of impeachment had adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 12 o'clock meridian.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1831.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in pursuance to the order of the House of the 20th instant, the monthly statements of the Bank of the United States for the year 1830; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House the following proceedings of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, transmitted to him by the Governor of that State, viz:

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, *January 4, 1831.*

WHEREAS, by the Constitution of the United States, the subjects of commerce and of national defence are committed to this regulation of the General Government: *and whereas*, in the opinion of the General Assem-

bly, it is important to the commerce of the country, and to national defence, that the old Roanoke inlet, recently filled up, should be re-opened by the arm of the General Government; Therefore,

*Resolved*, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their best endeavors to induce the General Government to undertake the re-opening of the communication at or near Naggs Head, between the Albemarle sound and the Atlantic ocean.

CHARLES FISHER, S. H. C.

D. F. CALDWELL, S. S.

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Speaker presented a petition of inhabitants of the city of Chillicothe, in the State of Ohio, growers of hemp, stating that the duties imposed on foreign hemp by the act of 1828 are so high as to exclude the regular importation of that article, the consequence of which has been that the article is smuggled into the country in such quantities as to destroy the prospects of the home grower, and praying Congress to devise and adopt such measures as shall remedy the evils of which they complain; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Sill,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be directed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for erecting a beacon light on the north pier at the entrance of the harbor of Presque Isle; also, into the expediency of making an appropriation for the survey of the mouth of Elk creek, and the harbor of Freeport at the mouth of Sixteen Mile creek, on lake Erie, with a view to the construction of harbors at each of those places.

On motion of Mr. Gilmore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be directed to inquire into the expediency of placing John Marran and Joshua Napp, revolutionary soldiers, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Doddridge,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for improving the mail stage road from Uniontown, in Pennsylvania, through Morgantown and Clarksburg, to the Ohio river, in Wood county, in the State of Virginia.

Mr. Hodges moved the following resolutions; which were read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be requested to inform this House what measures have been taken by the Executive in relation to the capture, on the 4th of July, 1829, of the ship Gallatea, late of the port of New Bedford, by a Portuguese naval squadron, then blockading the island of Terceira; and, also, in relation to the imprisonment and robbery of the crew of said ship, and to the capture of other American vessels under the same order of blockade.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to lay before this House any correspondence that may have been had, touching this matter, within the knowledge or possession of the Secretary.

Mr Biddle moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay before this House a copy of the plan of Detroit, transmitted to him by the Govern

and Judges of Michigan, in obedience to the act of May 21, 1830, entitled "An act relative to the plan of Detroit, in Michigan Territory."

On motion of Mr. Thompson, of Georgia,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing James Coil, of Madison county, in Georgia, on the pension list.

Mr. Potter moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the rule of the House which limits the presentation of petitions, resolutions, and reports to one hour in each day, be rescinded.

Mr. Shields, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 514. An act to alter the times of holding the district courts of the United States for the districts of Maine and Illinois, and the northern district of Alabama;

No. 538. An act making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and invalid pensioners;

No. 533. An act to extend the time for entering certain donation claims to land in the Territory of Arkansas;

No. 41. An act further supplemental to the act entitled "An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the Territory of Missouri," passed the 13th day of June, 1812;

and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill of this House, (No. 512,) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Edward Moore, deceased;" also, bills of the following titles:

No. 49. An act for the relief of Jacob N. Cardoza;

No. 77. An act for the relief of Antoine Dequindre, and the legal representatives of Louis Dequindre, deceased;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the joint resolution relative to the pay of members of Congress: when

A motion was made by Mr. Hall that the said resolution be recommitted to the Committee on Public Expenditures, with instructions to report a bill providing "that it shall be the imperative duty of the Secretary of the Senate, and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, to ascertain, at the end of every session of Congress, from each member of Congress or delegate of a Territory, the number of days he may have been absent from, and not in attendance on the business of the House; and in settling the accounts of Senators, members, and delegates, there shall be deducted from the account or amount of pay for each session at the rate of eight dollars per day for every day any member of either House or delegate shall have been absent, except by order on business of the House to which he belongs, or in consequence of sickness."

A motion was then made by Mr. Carson that the said resolution do lie on the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 50,  
Nays, . . . . . 136.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. William S. Archer, John S. Barbour, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, James Buchanan, Samuel Butman, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Timothy Childs, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John D. Dickinson, Clement Dorsey, Edward Everett, Nathan Gaither, Benjamin Gorham, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Thomas H. Hughes, William W. Irvin, Cave Johnson, George G. Leiper, Rollin C. Mallary, Henry C. Martindale, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, Ebenezer F. Norton, William T. Nuckolls, John Mercer Patton, Isaac Pierson, Robert S. Rose, Benedict I. Semmes, Michael C. Sprigg, Henry R. Storrs, Joel B. Sutherland, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Joseph F. Wingate.—50.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Robert Craig, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Charles E. Haynes, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Leconte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Alem Marr, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Gershom Powers, William Ramsey, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, William Russell, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Sheperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, William Stanberry, James Standefer, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Lewis Williams, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—136.

And after debate on the said resolution, (the hour of 12 o'clock having arrived,)



The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber to attend the trial by the Senate of the impeachment of James H. Peck, district judge of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Martin, from the said committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial by the Senate of the said impeachment, that further progress had been made therein, and that the court of impeachment had adjourned to meet again on Monday next, at 12 o'clock meridian.

And then the House adjourned until Monday next, 11 o'clock A. M.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1831.

Mr. McIntire presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Maine, living on or near "the Canada road," leading from Augusta to Quebec;

Mr. Norton presented a petition of inhabitants of the towns of Porter, Wilson, Cambria, and Lockport, in the county of Niagara, in the State of New York;

Mr. Magee presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Tioga, Steuben, Yates, and Ontario, in the State of New York;

Mr. Perkins King presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Delaware, in the State of New York;

Mr. Sill presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of New Castle, in the county of Mercer, in the State of Pennsylvania; praying, respectively, for the establishment of post routes therein described.

Mr. Norton presented a petition of James McMahan, of the county of Chautauque, in the State of New York, praying to be indemnified in expenses incurred by him in arresting and prosecuting a delinquent and absconding postmaster.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Jeremiah Austill, of the State of Alabama, praying that certain losses incurred by him in executing a contract to transport a mail of the United States may be made good to him; also, that he may be compensated for constructing a road over which to carry said mail.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. McIntire presented a petition of merchants and other inhabitants of Kennebunk port, in the State of Maine, praying that the said port may be made a port of entry for vessels coming from places beyond the cape of Good Hope.

Mr. Crowninshield presented a petition of Samuel Gilbert, of the State of Massachusetts, praying to be paid the bounty granted by law on fishing voyages, as the vessel, after completing the greater part, was, before completing the whole term, destroyed by fire.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of Thomas Denny, of the State of New York, stating that, recently, by a new construction given to the revenue laws, the people on the Canada side of the river St. Lawrence, near to mills and other waterworks owned by him near the village of Ogdensburg, have been prevented from bringing their grain to be ground, and as well as of various other domestic wants at his said mills and other waterworks, unless by the payment of duties, as on goods imported into the United States, by which the value of his property is likely to be greatly reduced, if not destroyed, and praying relief in the premises.

Mr. Howard presented a petition of merchants and ship-owners of Balti-

timore, in the State of Maryland, praying that a light-house and bell may be erected at the entrance of the harbor of Baltimore, and that vessels navigating the Chesapeake bay and its waters may be compelled to carry lights during the night time.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Anderson presented a memorial of citizens of the United States residing in Portland, in the State of Maine, and claimants under the late convention between the United States and Denmark, praying that the amount due to a subject of Denmark on account of the Danish brigantine *Henrick*, captured by a ship of war of the United States in the year 1799, and which was relinquished to the United States by said convention, and being a part of the consideration for which the claims of citizens of the United States upon Denmark have been released, may be added to the sum paid by Denmark to the United States, and distributed to the claimants under said convention.

Mr. Crowninshield presented a similar memorial from Robert Hooper and John Hooper, of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts, who are, also, claimants under said convention.

Mr. Howard presented a similar memorial of citizens of the United States residing in the city of Baltimore, also claimants under the convention between the United States and Denmark.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Hubbard presented a representation of the New Hampshire Historical Society, requesting that application may be made to the Government of Great Britain for permission to examine and transcribe documents and papers connected with the early history of this country.

Mr. Ingersoll presented a memorial of S. Converse, containing proposals for publishing a stereotype edition of the laws of the United States.

Mr. Verplanck presented a petition of William Elliot, of the city of Washington, stating that he is the compiler and publisher of a work containing a list of patents granted by the United States, alphabetically arranged, from 1790 to 1830, and of the laws for granting patents, with a digest of judicial decisions respecting patents, for which work he holds a copyright, and that his book has been rendered valueless to him by reason of a publication, by order of this House, of a similar work, recently transmitted to this House from the Department of State, and praying that the damage may be made good to him.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Library.

Memorials praying Congress to repeal the act, passed at the last session of Congress, providing for an exchange of lands with certain Indian tribes, and for their removal and permanent settlement west of the river Mississippi; and, also, that the Indians may be protected in the enjoyment of their lands, and in all rights secured to them by treaties entered into between said Indians and the United States, were severally presented as follows:

By Mr. Davis, of Massachusetts, of inhabitants of the town of Spencer, in the county of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Davis, of Massachusetts, of inhabitants of the town of Leicester, in the county of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Bates, of inhabitants of the town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, and State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Miller, of inhabitants of Germantown, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Childs, of inhabitants of Bergen, in the county of Genesee, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Hemphill, of inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Miller, of inhabitants of the county of Chester, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Whittlesey, of inhabitants of the counties of Portage and Geauga, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Test presented a resolution, adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, requesting Congress to adopt measures for the total extinguishment of the Indian title to lands within the limits of that State as soon as possible; which resolution was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Gorham presented a memorial of the working men of Boston, praying that the practice of imprisoning the body of a debtor for debt may be abolished; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Gorham presented a memorial of inhabitants of the city of Boston and its vicinity, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that measures may be adopted for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, to prohibit the introduction of slaves into said District for the purposes of traffic, and that provision be made for the education of free people of color.

Mr. Washington presented a petition of inhabitants of the city of Washington, praying that the plan of the said city may be so altered as to straighten F and G streets north, between 7th and 9th streets west.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Davis, of South Carolina, presented a petition of Elias Earle, executor of Elias Earle, deceased, late of the State of South Carolina, praying to be relieved from the effects of a judgment obtained against his testator at the suit of the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hodges presented a petition of John Wood, a petition of Amos Wood, and a petition of Samuel Brackett, all of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Bates presented a petition of Hezekiah Bush, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Hodges presented a petition of Henry Andrews, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Ingersoll presented a petition of John Hunt, of the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Swift presented a petition of Benjamin Weed, of the State of Vermont;

Mr. Halsey presented a petition of Joseph Hewes, and a petition of David Pease, both of the State of New York;

Mr. Norton presented a petition of Phineas Palmiter, and a petition of Eliphalet Stewart, both of the State of New York;

Mr. Cowles presented a petition of John Brown, a petition of Nathan How, and a petition of Ebenezer Whelply, all of the State of New York;

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of William Covenhoven, of the State of New York;

Mr. Cambreleng, also, presented a petition of Enoch Hoyt, of the State of New York;

Mr. Verplanck presented a petition of Ebenezer Belknap, and a petition of Russell Atwater, both of the State of New York;

Mr. Sprigg presented a petition of Mary Conner, widow of Patrick Conner, deceased, late a soldier in the army of the United States;

Mr. Howard presented a petition of Armstead Culley, of the State of Maryland;

Mr. Russel presented a petition of William Woods, of the State of Ohio; praying, respectively, that their names may be placed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. Irvin, of Ohio, presented a petition of Johnson Cook, of the State of Ohio, praying to be paid the arrearages of pension to which he conceives himself entitled.

Mr. Boon presented resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, requesting that pensions may be granted to William Lindsey, Howard Putnam, Peter Houston, Francis Odler, (or Outler,) Cuthbert Tisdell, William Ray, William Owens, and John Rodgers.

Mr. Test presented a resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, requesting that a tract of public land may be granted to Major John Allison, as an indemnity for losses sustained, and a compensation for services in the war of the revolution.

Mr. Test presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, praying that a pension may be granted to John Burke.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions and resolutions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Burges presented a petition of Anne Wall, of the State of Rhode Island, widow of Daniel Wall, who was a lieutenant of the army of the revolution, praying that payment may now be made to her for the services of her husband in the war of the revolution.

Mr. Wickliffe presented a petition of Elizabeth Taylor, widow of William Taylor, a major in the army of the revolution, praying to be paid the commutation of half pay for life to which her late husband was entitled.

Mr. Vinton presented a petition of Ichabod Nye, of the State of Ohio, praying to be paid for services rendered by him as a soldier in the army of the revolution.

Mr. Gurley presented a petition of Vincent Chance, of the State of Louisiana, praying to be paid for his services as a soldier in the army of the revolution.

Mr. Coleman presented a petition of Robert Wilmot, of the State of Kentucky, praying to be paid the commutation of half pay to which he is entitled as an officer of the army of the revolution.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Augustine H. Shepperd,

*Ordered,* That the petition of Nicholas McCubbin, presented February 1, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Ellsworth presented a petition of John Watson, of the State of Connecticut, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained by him by the destruction of a ship of war built by him for the naval service of the United States, which ship was destroyed by the British forces during the late war.

**Ordered,** That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Maxwell presented a memorial of officers of the militia of the State of New York, met in convention in the village of Utica, in that State, praying that the act of 7th May, 1792, for the organization of the militia, may be amended, so that the militia be formed into two classes, the first class to consist of those between 18 and 30 years of age, the second class to consist of those between 30 and 45 years of age; the first class, only, to be subject to duty in time of peace; that a uniform be prescribed for the different corps of the militia; and that the expense of camp equipage for annual drills of the militia of the State of New York may be defrayed by the United States.

Mr. Pettis presented a memorial of the mayor, aldermen, and citizens of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, praying that an appropriation may be made to assist in the erection of a public hospital in that city, which has become indispensably necessary, as the memorialists allege, by reason of the great number of sick and disabled soldiers discharged from Jefferson barracks, situated near that city.

**Ordered,** That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of Paul Garesché, of the city of New York, merchant, praying that the duties on French brandy, as existing previous to the 1st of July, 1828, may be charged on certain brandy imported by him in that year, as the said brandy was ordered and would have arrived previous to 1st July, but for adverse winds.

Mr. Sutherland presented a petition of James Marsh, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, praying to be paid the drawback of duties on certain goods exported by him, which is withheld by reason of informality in the shipment of said goods.

Mr. Test presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, praying that measures may be adopted for the speedy completion of the Cumberland road through that State.

**Ordered,** That the said petitions and memorial be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Sprigg,

**Ordered,** That the petition of Michael Hoff, presented April 5, 1830, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins,

**Ordered,** That the petition of inhabitants of the county of Niagara, in the State of New York, for a survey with a view to ascertain the practicability of cutting a canal around the falls of Niagara, presented February 15, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. McCreery presented a resolution adopted at a meeting of inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, upon the subject of the repair and preservation of the Cumberland road.

Mr. Vinton presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Gallipolis, in the State of Ohio, praying that measures may be adopted for rendering the Ohio river navigable for steamboats, at all seasons of the year, from its mouth to Pittsburg, in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Wickliffe presented a similar petition from inhabitants of Smithland, in the State of Kentucky.

Mr. Test presented a resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, asking for a grant of public land, the proceeds of which to be used

in the improvement of a road leading from Madison to Indianapolis, in the said State.

Mr. White, of Florida, presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Jackson, in the Territory of Florida, praying that an appropriation may be made for constructing a road from the interior to St. Andrew's bay.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Coke presented a petition of Moses Myers, stating, that, at the time he was removed from the office of collector for the port and district of Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, bonds to a large amount, to secure the payment of duties, which had been taken by him, were turned over to his successor, and praying that he may be allowed the usual commission upon the payment of said bonds; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Maxwell, of New York, presented a petition of Daniel Sayre, praying that a grant of public land may be made to him and to each of his sons.

Mr. Claiborne presented a petition of George Key, of the State of Virginia, praying for a grant of land in consideration of services rendered as a soldier in the war of the revolution.

Mr. Russel presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Ohio, residing in the Virginia military district, praying that a grant of land may be made to the President and Trustees of the College of Ripley, in said district.

Mr. Boon presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Indiana, residing in Crawfordsville land district, praying that the location of the land office may be changed from Crawfordsville to Lafayette.

Mr. Test presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, praying that land may be granted said State for the erection and support of an asylum in each county in said State.

Mr. Test presented a resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, soliciting that a land office may be established at the seat of justice of the county of Saint Joseph, in the northern part of that State.

Mr. Test presented a resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, soliciting that the act of the 31st March, 1830, for the relief of the purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the sales of public lands, may be continued in force for several years yet to come; and that further relief may be granted to purchasers of public lands in that State.

Mr. Hinds presented a petition of the Trustees of Jefferson College, in the State of Mississippi, praying permission to surrender certain lands located for the use of said college, and which lie within the limits of the State of Alabama, and to locate other lands in lieu thereof, lying within the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Hinds presented a petition of Dominique Ladner, of the State of Mississippi, praying that his right to a donation of a tract of public land may be confirmed.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Lachlan Durant, of the State of Alabama, praying that his title to certain tracts of land therein described may be confirmed.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions and resolutions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Thomson, of Ohio, presented a petition of John Bever, of the State

of Ohio, stating, that, upon actual survey, certain tracts of land purchased by him of the United States, and for which he has made full payment, fall short of the number of acres paid for, and praying that the money overpaid may be refunded to him; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Biddle presented a memorial of inhabitants of the city of Detroit, in the Territory of Michigan, remonstrating against certain proceedings of the Governor and Judges of that Territory, in relation to the plan of said city; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

Mr. Biddle presented a petition of John R. Williams, of Detroit, in the Territory of Michigan, praying to be paid for property lost by him in the late war with Great Britain, the same having been used and destroyed by troops of the United States and by British troops.

Mr. Taliaferro presented a petition of William W. Robertson, executor of James M. Robertson, deceased, praying to be paid for a quantity of stone furnished by his testator in 1801, to be used in the construction of fort McHenry, near Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Broadhead presented a petition of merchants, manufacturers, and other inhabitants of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, praying that a drawback may be allowed on the exportation of nails made from imported iron, equal to the duty paid on the importation of the iron; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Mercer presented a petition of Cornelius Wells, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted to him; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Childs presented a petition of Lothario Donaldson, of the State of New York, praying for a pension; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Childs presented a memorial of inhabitants of the town of Rochester, in the State of New York;

Mr. Childs presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of North Penfield, in the county of Monroe, in the State of New York;

Mr. Maxwell, of Virginia, presented a memorial of inhabitants of French Creek, in the county of Lewis, in the State of Virginia;

Mr. Vance presented memorials of inhabitants of the town of Bellefonte, and of the county of Logan, in the State of Ohio;

Mr. Denny presented memorials of inhabitants of the town of Frankfort, in Beaver county, and of inhabitants of the counties of Armstrong and Alleghany, in the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Gilmore presented a memorial of inhabitants of the county of Butler, in the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Swift presented a memorial of inhabitants of the town of Charlotte, in the State of Vermont;

praying, respectively, that the transportation of the mails of the United States may be prohibited on the Sabbath day.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a memorial of inhabitants of the county of Beaver, in the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Russel presented memorials of inhabitants of the county of Brown, in the State of Ohio; praying that the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day may not be prohibited.

Mr. Clay presented a resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the

State of Alabama, against a discontinuance of the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials and resolution be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Strong presented a memorial of inhabitants of that part of the Territory of Michigan lying west of lake Michigan, and north of the State of Illinois, upon the subject of a division of said Territory, and the construction of certain public roads; which memorial was referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 76) to establish the Territorial Government of Huron.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Morgan, in the State of Alabama, praying that further relief, which is therein set forth, may be granted to purchasers of public lands within that State; which petition was referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 510) supplemental to an act passed on the 31st March, 1830, for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the public sales of the lands of the United States.

The Speaker presented a memorial of inhabitants of the State of New Jersey, residing in that part of the State immediately bordering on the Atlantic ocean and its outlets, complaining of the present rate of duties on articles imported into the United States, and which are necessary in the construction and rigging of ships and vessels, and praying that a drawback equal to the duty may be allowed on all such articles which may be used up in the construction and rigging of ships and vessels.

The Speaker presented a memorial of journeymen blacksmiths, in the city of Philadelphia, praying that a drawback equal to the duty now imposed on the importation of chain and anchor iron may be allowed when the iron shall be manufactured into chains and anchors within the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Shields, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, (No. 512,) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Edward Moore, deceased;" and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the case of Elizabeth Owens, accompanied by a bill (No. 572) for the relief of William Owens; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the case of Thomas Hanson; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Davis, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, which was instructed, on the 21st of December, to inquire into the expediency repealing or modifying the twenty-fifth section of an act entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States," passed on the 4th of September, 1789, made a report, accompanied by a bill (No. 573) to repeal the 25th section of the said act; which bill was read the first time; and opposition being made thereto by Mr. Doddridge, the question occurred, "Shall the said bill be rejected?" When (the hour of 12 o'clock having arrived.)

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial by the Senate of the im-



peachment of James H. Peck, district judge of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Martin, from the said committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial by the Senate of the said impeachment, that further progress had been made therein, and that the court of impeachment had adjourned to meet again to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

And then the House adjourned.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1831.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 82. An act for the relief of William B. Matthews, trustee;

No. 86. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Lobdell;

No. 44. An act to provide for the legal adjudication and settlement of the claims to land therein mentioned;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 44. An act to provide for the legal adjudication and settlement of the claims to land therein mentioned;

No. 49. An act for the relief of Jacob N. Cardoza;

No. 76. An act for the relief of John Daly, late of Canada;

No. 77. An act for the relief of Antoine Dequindre, and the legal representatives of Louis Dequindre, deceased;

No. 78. An act making provision for the compensation of witnesses, and payment of other expenses attending the trial of the impeachment of James H. Peck;

No. 82. An act for the relief of William B. Matthews, trustee;

No. 86. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Lobdell;

were, severally, read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 44. }  
No. 78. } To the Committee on the Judiciary;

No. 49. }  
No. 82. } To the Committee of Ways and Means;

No. 76. }  
No. 86. } To the Committee of Claims;

No. 77. To the Committee on Commerce.

Two messages, in writing, were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, as follows:

### FIRST MESSAGE.

January 25, 1831.

*To the House of Representatives:*

I beg leave to call the attention of Congress to the enclosed communication from the Secretary of the Navy, in relation to the pay and other allowances of the officers of the marine corps; and to recommend the adoption of the legislative provisions suggested in it.

ANDREW JACKSON.

The said message was read, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

## SECOND MESSAGE.

January 25, 1831.

*To the House of Representatives:*

I beg leave to call the attention of Congress to the annual report of the Inspectors of the Penitentiary in the District of Columbia, herewith transmitted.

ANDREW JACKSON.

The said message was read, and referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 64,) entitled "An act supplemental to the act granting the right of pre-emption to settlers on the public lands, approved the 29th day of May, 1830," reported the same with an amendment; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 17,) entitled "An act authorizing the sale of a tract of land therein named," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Gorham, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 75,) entitled "An act for the relief of Peters and Pond," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Daniel, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of Joseph W. Torrey, accompanied by a bill (No. 574) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, made a report on the petition of Captain John Burnham, accompanied by a bill (No. 575) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Wayne, from the Committee on the Library, made a report on the memorial of Duff Green, accompanied by a joint resolution, directing a subscription by the Secretary of State for the stereotype edition of the laws of the United States, proposed to be published by said Green; which resolution was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Peter Tuttle; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Jonathan Green, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Hemphill, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 74,) entitled "An act to authorize the Territory of Florida to open a canal through the public lands between Chipola river and St. Andrew's bay, in West Florida," reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. McIntire, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William McClellan; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce, which was instructed, on the 10th of December last, to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to repair and finish the breakwater near the mouth of Merrimack river, in the State of Massachusetts; and to which was referred, on the 10th of December last, a petition of inhabitants of the town of Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts, upon the subject of the said breakwater, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the subject be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred, on the 10th instant, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting communications from the local engineer in relation to the progress which has been made in removing obstructions near the Ocracock bar, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the subject be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 573) to repeal the 25th section of an act entitled "An act to establish the judicial system of the United States," passed 4th day of September, 1789; when

Mr. Doddridge withdrew his opposition thereto; and

A motion was then made by Mr. Buchanan, that the question on ordering the said bill to be read a second time be postponed until Tuesday next, the 1st of February; whereupon, the hour allotted for the consideration of reports and motions having expired,

By leave of the House, Mr. Speight moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War inform this House whether or not it is expedient to erect fortifications at or near Ocracock inlet, with a view to the more permanent security of that section of North Carolina in case of invasion.

The Committee on the Judiciary, which was instructed, on the 21st of December ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of repealing or modifying the 25th section of an act entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States," passed the 24th September, 1789, having made a report yesterday, accompanied by a bill to repeal the same,

Mr. Buchanan, from the minority of said committee, differing in opinion from their associates, presented a counter report upon the same subject.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber to attend the trial by the Senate of the impeachment of James H. Peek; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Martin, from the said committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial by the Senate of the said impeachment, that further progress had been made therein, and that the court of impeachment had adjourned to meet again to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock A. M.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1831.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting lists of contracts made by the officers of the War Department in the year 1830, on public account; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

II. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a plan of the city of Detroit, in the Territory of Michigan, as laid down by the Governor and Judges of that Territory, with copies of explanatory papers; prepared and transmitted in pursuance of the act of May 28, 1830; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

III. A memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, in relation to the public lands within that State; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

IV. A memorial of Henry Banks, of the State of Kentucky, upon the subject of his claims against the United States; which memorial was referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 79. An act for the relief of William Burris, of Mississippi;

No. 84. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel McIntire, deceased;

No. 90. An act for the relief of George B. Dameron and William Howze, of Mississippi;

No. 91. An act for the relief of Benjamin S. Smoot, of Alabama;

No. 92. An act for the relief of Jabez Sawyer;

No. 93. An act for the relief of Duval and Carnes;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 79. To the Committee on Private Land Claims;

No. 84. } To the Committee on Military Pensions;

No. 92. }

No. 90. } To the Committee of Claims;

No. 91. }

No. 93. To the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker presented a memorial of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, mechanics, employed in various branches of the manufacture of iron, namely, as steam engine makers, anchor and chain smiths, shipsmiths, machinists, founders, hardware manufacturers, edge-tool makers, locksmiths, coach and wagon smiths, farriers, and blacksmiths, praying that such a modification of the existing tariff of duties on iron as therein set forth may be adopted; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of this House, (No. 526,) entitled "An act for the relief of Matthias Roll," with an amendment, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. McCoy, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Minerva Catlett, accompanied by a bill (No. 576) for the relief of the representatives of Doctor Hanson Catlett, deceased; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Drayton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Thomas Coit; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Chilton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the cases of John Davis, (of Kentucky,) Archibald Henderson, Thomas Taylor, and John Davis, (of Georgia,) and that they do severally lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Trezvant,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Libbey, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 73,) entitled "An act for the relief of Hugh Barnes, made a verbal report, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Doddridge, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill (No. 577) for the more speedy administration of justice within the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Ann H. Bard; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Alexander Millikin, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Thompson, of Georgia, from the Committee on the Militia, reported a bill (No. 578) for the better organization of the militia of the District of Columbia; which bill was read the first and second time, and the further consideration thereof was postponed until Monday next, the 31st instant.

*Ordered*, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Timothy Bruin, together with the said petition, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of John Webber, of the District of Columbia, praying for an increase of his pension; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Spencer, of New York,

*Ordered*, That three thousand additional copies of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury upon the subject of the cultivation of sugar cane and the manufacture of sugar, be printed for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Doddridge,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Beverly Roy be recommitted to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Boon moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House any information in his possession relating to a survey of the Wabash river, and the probable cost of removing the obstructions to the navigation of the same, below the termination of the contemplated canal to connect at navigable points the waters of the Wabash river with those of lake Erie.

Mr. Wickliffe presented a communication from Henry M. Shreve upon the subject of an improvement in the navigation of the Ohio river; which was laid on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the joint resolution relative to the pay of members of Congress.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Hall on the 22d instant, to recommit the said resolution with certain instructions: when,

On motion of Mr. Hall,

The said instructions were amended so as to read "to report a bill containing the material provisions of said resolution: *Provided*, That the bill be so reported as to take effect prospectively from its passage, and not retroactively."

And the question then again recurred on the motion to recommit the said resolution with instructions;

And after further debate, (the hour of 12 o'clock having arrived,)

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial by the Senate of the impeachment of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Martin, from the said committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial by the Senate of the said impeachment, that further progress had been made therein, and that the court of impeachment had adjourned to meet again on to-morrow at 12 o'clock meridian.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock A. M.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1831.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 35,) entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of merchandise by land or by water, with the benefit of debenture," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Letcher, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported a bill (No. 579) authorizing a subscription of stock to the Monongahela Bridge Company at Brownsville, in Pennsylvania; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 562) to erect a bridge over the Ohio river near Wheeling.

Mr. Letcher, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported a bill (No. 580) authorizing the construction of a road from Strings, on the St. Francis river, in Arkansas Territory, to Batesville, in said Territory; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Letcher, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported a bill (No. 581) supplementary to the act entitled "An act to grant a certain quantity of land to the State of Indiana for the purpose of aiding said State in opening a canal to connect the waters of the Wabash river with those of lake Erie;" which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Wickliffe,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of inhabitants of the Virginia military dis-

strict in the State of Ohio, for a grant of land to Ripley college, and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the joint resolution relative to the pay of members of Congress.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Hall on the 22d instant, to recommit the said resolution to the Committee on Public Expenditures, with the instructions set forth on the journal of yesterday;

And after further debate,

The previous question was moved by Mr. McCoy; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the *main* question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, viz: Shall the said resolution pass?

And passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	159,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	21.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr. William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Charles E. Haynes, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallery, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Gerahom Powers, William Ramsey, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, William Russel, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, William Stanberry, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W.

Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—159.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. John S. Barbour, Nicholas D. Coleman, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Edward Everett, Nathan Gaither, Benjamin Gorham, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Thomas Hinds, Thomas H. Hughes, George G. Leiper, Daniel H. Miller, Ebenezer F. Norton, John Mercer Patton, Isaac Pierson, Robert S. Rose, Michael C. Sprigg, Henry R. Storrs, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel F. Vinton, and Edward D. White.—21.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

*Ordered*, That the bill from the Senate, (No. 47,) entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to quiet the title of certain purchasers of lands between the lines of Ludlow and Roberts in the State of Ohio, passed 26th May, 1830,'" be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day; and

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill; and pending the consideration thereof in Committee of the Whole, the hour of twelve o'clock arrived: when

The Speaker resumed the chair; and

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Martin, from the said committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment, that further progress had been made therein, and that the court of impeachment had adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 12 o'clock meridian.

Mr. Shields, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 514. An act to alter the times of holding the district courts of the United States for the districts of Maine and Illinois, and the northern district of Alabama;

No. 533. An act to extend the time of entering certain donation claims to land in the Territory of Arkansas;

No. 538. An act making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and invalid pensioners;

No. 512. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Edward Moore, deceased;

No. 480. An act for closing certain accounts, and making appropriations for arrearages, in the Indian department;

No. 41. An act further supplemental to the act entitled "An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the Territory of Missouri," passed the 18th day of June, 1812.



Mr. Taylor, by leave, presented a petition of John Nash, of the State of New York, praying for a pension; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a map of the United States, prepared for the use of the Committee on Commerce of this House, draughted in obedience to an order of the House of the 18th March, 1830; which letter was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to lay before the Committee of Ways and Means the report and estimate from the engineer department for building a mole and pier-head to secure the pier forming the harbor at Oswego, in the State of New York.

On motion of Mr. Martin,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John Taylor, of South Carolina, be recommitted to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

*Ordered*, That two thousand additional copies of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the monthly statements of the Bank of the United States for the year 1830, be printed for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 131) to authorize the Legislature of Missouri to sell the lands reserved for schools, a seminary of learning, and salt springs, in that State, be discharged therefrom, and that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Public Lands.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock A. M.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1831.

Mr. Condict, by leave, presented a petition of William Shute, of the city of New York, praying to be paid the arrearage of pension to which he conceives himself entitled; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Bockee,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Elnathan Finch, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Bockee, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 92,) entitled "An act for the relief of Jabez Sawyer," made a report (verbally) recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of James Moses, Richard Wall, and Edgar Freeman, and that the said petitioners have leave to withdraw their papers.

Mr. Ellsworth, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 78) making provision for the compensation of witnesses and payment of other expenses attending the trial of the impeachment of James H. Peck, reported the same with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the case of David Frink; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Trezvant,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John James, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, made reports on the petitions of Humphrey Beckett, David Smith, and Jonathan Fogg, accompanied by a bill (No. 582) for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Hodges, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill (No. 583) regulating the compensation of the clerks in the Post Office Department; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Verplanck, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 584) making appropriations for carrying on certain roads and works of internal improvement, and providing for surveys; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Overton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 49,) entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob N. Cardoza," reported the same with amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill of this House for the relief of J. N. Cardoza.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 82,) entitled "An act for the relief of William B. Matthews, trustee," be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it be committed to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 93,) entitled "An act for the relief of Duval and Carnes," be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it be committed to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Polk, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to the "distribution of the surplus funds which may at any time remain in the Treasury after the national debt shall have been paid, among the several States, in proportion to the number of their representatives, to be applied by them to objects of internal improvement," made a report; which was read, and laid on the table.

A motion was made that two thousand additional copies of said report be printed for the use of the members of the House; which motion was laid on the table till to-morrow.

Mr. White, of New York, moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That three thousand additional copies of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, recommending the repeal of the twenty-fifth section of the judiciary act, and of the counter report of the minority of said committee, be printed for the use of this House.

Mr. Lecompte moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire as to the expediency of amending the constitution of the United States so that the Judges of the Supreme Court, and of the inferior courts, shall hold their offices for a limited term of years.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Whittlesey moved the question of consideration;

And on the question, Will the House now consider the said resolution?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 60,  
Nays, . . . . . 116.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Henry W. Conner, Jacob Crocheron, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Dixon H. Lewis, Wilson Lumpkin, William McCree, William McCoy, Daniel H. Miller, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, Spencer Pettis, Robert Potter, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, John Scott, James Shields, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Starling Tucker, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Charles A. Wickliffe, and Joel Yancey.—60.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, Noyes Barber, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Thomas Beekman, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Clement C. Clay, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Benjamin Gorham, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, George G. Leiper, James Lent, George Loyall, Rollin C. Mallery, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Ebenezer F. Norton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, William Ramsey, John Reed, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Sheperd, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, William Stanberry, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John

W. Taylor, John Test, James Trezvant, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gu-  
lian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha  
Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis  
Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.  
—116.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, of Georgia,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be directed to  
inquire into the expediency of authorizing, by law, a re-issue of the revolu-  
tionary bounty land warrant numbered 1625, issued to Jacob Bosworth on  
the 7th of June, 1830, which the said Jacob Bosworth alleges is lost.

Mr. Drayton moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on  
the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to furnish this House  
with the several original reports and statements, or copies thereof, received  
by him, or transmitted to the Major General, relating to a resolution of  
the House at its last session, directing the Secretary of War to report  
“whether any reduction in the number of officers in the army of the United  
States can be made without injury to the public service.”

Mr. Ellsworth moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid  
on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House  
the manner in which annuities due to the Cherokee nation of Indians are  
paid; whether to the nation, or to the individuals constituting the nation.

On motion of Mr. Grennell,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Ebenezer Whitney be recommitted to the  
Committee on Military Pensions.

The Speaker laid before the House the annual report of the Commission-  
ers of the Navy pension fund; which was read, and laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the follow-  
ing titles, viz:

No. 507. An act to authorize the construction of three schooners for the  
naval service of the United States;

No. 516. An act to ascertain and mark the line between the State of  
Alabama and the Territory of Florida, and for other purposes;  
with an amendment to the last mentioned bill; in which I am directed to  
ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have, also, passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 80. An act for the relief of James Sprague;

No. 89. An act to amend the “act granting certain relinquished and unap-  
propriated lands to the State of Alabama, for the purpose of improving the  
navigation of the Tennessee, Conasa, Cahawba, and Black Warrior rivers,”  
approved the 23d day of May, 1828;

No. 68. An act to alter and amend “An act to set apart and dispose of  
certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and  
olive;”

No. 97. An act for the relief of William Scott, of Tennessee;  
in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And  
then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on  
the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker re-  
sumed the chair, and Mr. Dwight reported that the committee had, according

to order, had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, particularly the bill from the Senate, (No. 78,) entitled "An act making provision for the compensation of witnesses and payment of other expenses attending the trial of the impeachment of James H. Peck;" which bill he was directed to report to the House with an amendment.

The said amendment was read, concurred in by the House, and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill from the Senate, (No. 47,) entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to quiet the title of certain purchasers of lands between the lines of Ludlow and Roberts, in the State of Ohio,' passed 26th May, 1830;" and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Howard reported the said bill without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber to attend the trial by the Senate of the impeachment of James H. Peck, judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Martin, from the said committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial by the Senate of the said impeachment, that further progress had been made therein, and that the court of impeachment had adjourned to meet again to-morrow, at 12 o'clock meridian.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanied with 218 copies of the printed Army Register for the year 1831; which letter was laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, prepared in obedience to the order of the House of the 11th instant, directing him "to communicate to the House whether the existing laws do not provide for a greater number of cadets at the United States' Military Academy than is consistent with the objects for which it was established, and, if so, that he report a plan and organization for that academy, corresponding with the alterations and reductions which may be deemed expedient;" which report was read, and laid on the table.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock A. M.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1831.

The Speaker presented the petition of Robert H. Saunders, heretofore presented on the 16th December, 1829; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 573) to repeal the 25th section of an act entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States," passed the 4th day of September, 1789.

The question recurred on the motion made on the 25th instant, that the consideration of the motion that the said bill be read a second time be postponed until Tuesday, the 1st day of February next: when

The previous question was moved by Mr. Crawford; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

And on motion of Mr. Crawford, a call of the House was then ordered; And the roll having been called over, one hundred and eighty-four members answered to their names, viz:

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barawell, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Conduct, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Benjamin Gorham, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Ohittendon Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Ebenezer F. Norton, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Gershom Powers, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepherd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—184.

Further proceedings in the call were then dispensed with;

And the main question was then put, viz: Shall this bill be rejected?

And passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	137,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	51.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, John S. Barbour, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, William Drayton, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Chauneey Forward, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, Benjamin Gorham, Innis Green, George Greenell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irwin, Kensey Johns, jr., Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Ebenezer F. Norton, Dutce J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, Gershom Powers, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.—137.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, Robert W. Barnwell, John Bell, James Blair, Thomas T. Bouldin, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Nicholas D. Coleman, Henry W. Conner, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Joseph Lecompte, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, and Joel Yancey.—51.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. Haynes on the 11th instant; when it was,

On motion of Mr. White, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said resolution be postponed until Wednesday, the 2d of February next.

On motion of Mr. John S. Barbour,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to consider all matters referred to them touching the public buildings and grounds, with leave to report by bill or otherwise; and

Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, Mr. Everett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Martin, Mr. King, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Haynes, and Mr. Bates, were appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

The resolution moved by Mr. Drayton on the 21st instant, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolutions moved by Mr. Hodges on the 21st instant, and laid on the table, were read, considered, modified, and agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House what measures have been taken by the Executive in relation to the capture, on the 4th of July, 1829, of the ship Galatea, late of the port of New Bedford, by a Portuguese naval squadron, then blockading the island of Terceira; and, also, in relation to the imprisonment and robbery of the crew of said ship, and to the capture of other American vessels under the same order of blockade.

*Resolved*, That the President be requested to lay before this House any correspondence that may have been had touching this matter, within the knowledge or possession of the President, not incompatible with the public interest.

The resolution moved by Mr. Biddle on the 22d instant, and laid on the table, was read, and again laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

No. 145. An act to amend and consolidate the acts respecting copyrights.

No. 535. An act to amend the act for taking the fifth census; with amendments to the last mentioned bill; in which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The resolution moved by Mr. Potter on the 22d instant, for rescinding the rule of the House which limits the presentation of petitions, resolutions, and reports to one hour in each day, was read, considered, and debated until the arrival of the hour of 12 o'clock; when

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber to attend the trial by the Senate of the impeachment of James H. Peck, judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Martin, from the committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial by the Senate of the said impeachment; that further progress had been made therein; and that the court of impeachment had adjourned to meet again on Monday next, the 31st instant.

And then the House adjourned until Monday next, 11 o'clock A. M.



MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1831.

Mr. Anderson presented a petition of inhabitants of Portland, in the State of Maine, praying that an appropriation may be made for the construction of a sea wall for the protection of the harbor of that place.

Mr. Reed presented a petition of merchants, manufacturers, and others, inhabitants of Wareham, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that a drawback may be allowed on the exportation of nails made of imported iron, equal to the duty paid on the importation of the iron.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of David S. Lyon and Melancton S. Swartwout, deputy collectors of the port and district of New York, praying for an increase of their compensation.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a representation and memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New York, praying that provision may be made for the erection of a new and more commodious custom-house in that city.

Mr. Sutherland presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Philadelphia, in support of the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, presented to this House on the 13th instant, upon the subject of the differences in the duties on tonnage on American and Spanish vessels, and the high duties imposed by the Government of Portugal on American rice.

Mr. Mitchell presented a petition of masters of vessels engaged in the transportation of merchandise and passengers, and in trading between the Chesapeake and Delaware bays, through Back creek, praying that an appropriation may be made for the improvement of the navigation of said creek.

Mr. Mitchell presented a resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, requesting Congress to make an appropriation for removing a sand bar or shoal at or near the mouth of Severn river, which obstructs the entrance of large vessels into the harbor of Annapolis.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wingate presented a petition of Simeon Tyler, of the State of Maine.

Mr. Reed presented a petition of Lemuel Tobey, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Powers presented a petition of Valentine Smith, of the State of New York;

Mr. Eager presented a petition of Nathaniel Dickerson, of the State of New York;

Mr. Swan presented a petition of Benjamin Price, of the State of New Jersey;

Mr. Howard presented a petition of Martha Kelly, widow of Michael Kelly, who was killed in the military service of the United States;

Mr. Lewis Maxwell presented a petition of Jesse Cunningham, of the State of Virginia;

Mr. Gaither presented a petition of Zachariah Sanders, of the State of Kentucky;

Mr. Irvin, of Ohio, presented a petition of John Ackerman, of the State of Ohio;

Mr. Test presented a petition of John Crandon, of the State of Indiana;

Mr. Wickliffe presented a petition of Samuel Patton, of the State of Kentucky;

praying, respectively, that their names may be placed on the pension roll of the United States.

Mr. Cahoon presented a petition of Adin Bartlett, of the State of Vermont, praying that his pension may be increased.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Petitions of the undermentioned persons, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, viz:

By Mr. Cahoon, the petition of Judith Thomas, presented February 19, 1827.

By Mr. De Witt, the petition of Jonathan Brown, presented April 2, 1830.

By Mr. Swan, the petition of Andrew Butterfoss, presented February 22, 1830.

By Mr. Test, the petition of Isaac Way, presented March 2, 1830.

Mr. Crowninshield presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that measures may be adopted to produce a more extensive issue of American coins, and their distribution throughout the country.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a memorial of merchants, manufacturers, and other inhabitants of the city of New York, praying that a drawback may be allowed on the exportation of nails made of imported iron, equal to the duty paid on the importation of the iron.

Mr. Howard presented a petition of Henry Mankin, of the State of Maryland, praying to be allowed further time to make payment of a judgment obtained against him at the suit of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hubbard presented a memorial of inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire, claimants under the late convention between the United States and Denmark, concluded at Copenhagen on the 28th March, 1830, a copy of the memorial of sundry other claimants under the same convention, residing in Portland, in the State of Maine, presented on the 24th of the present month.

Mr. Edward Everett presented a similar memorial of other claimants under the same convention, residing in the city of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts.

The Speaker presented a letter from Joseph Watson, of the city of Washington, suggesting the propriety of making application to the Governments of France and Spain for permission to examine and transcribe documents and papers connected with the early history of this country.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials and letter be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Pearce presented a petition of merchants and other inhabitants of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, praying that a drawback may be allowed on the exportation of nails made of imported iron, equal to the duty paid on the importation of the iron, which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Storrs, of New York, presented a memorial of officers of the militia of the State of New York, a copy of that presented by Mr. Maxwell, of New York, on the 24th instant; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Mr. Coulter presented a memorial of manufacturers of salt in the western part of the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the duty on salt may be again increased to twenty-five cents per bushel; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Bartley presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Ohio, praying that John Chapman may be permitted to plant nurseries of fruit trees on public lands, and that he may have the privilege to occupy land so planted, and to pay for the same at any time during his life; which petition was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Gurley presented a petition of Thomas G. Davidson, Register, and Alexander G. Penn, Receiver of public moneys at the St. Helena land office, in the State of Louisiana, praying for an increase of their salary, respectively.

Mr. Boon presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Indiana, residing in the Crawfordsville land district, praying that the land office may be removed from Crawfordsville to Lafayette.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Pettis presented a petition of Joseph Bogy, of the State of Louisiana, praying to be paid for provisions furnished a detachment of troops of the United States in the year 1819; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of the persons appointed by the Marshal of the State of New York as his assistants in taking the fifth census of the city and county of New York, praying to be allowed additional compensation for their services; which petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Forward presented a copy of certain proceedings of inhabitants of the county of Somerset, in the State of Pennsylvania, upon the subject of the repair of the Cumberland road in that State; which proceedings were referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road.

Mr. Loyall presented a petition of Miles King, late navy agent of the United States at Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, stating that his accounts have not been closed at the Navy Department, that a balance is claimed of him by the accounting officer, and that he claims a balance due to him from the Government; and praying to be permitted to institute a suit against the United States, that the matter may be adjusted according to law.

Mr. Carson presented a petition of Christopher Bechtler, a foreigner by birth, but recently emigrated to the United States, and now residing in the State of North Carolina, praying that letters patent may be granted him for invention of two new and useful machines for the purpose of washing gold ores, without requiring the two years' residence as is by law now required.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Richardson, presented a petition of Stanley Carter, of the State of Massachusetts, setting forth that he is the inventor of a new method of making guide boards and signs for offices, and praying that his right to said invention may be purchased for the benefit of the Post Office Department.

Mr. Horace Everett presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the State of Vermont;

Mr. Sill presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Warren, in the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Bartley presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Huron in the State of Ohio;

Mr. Duncan presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Quincy, in the county of Adams, in the State of Illinois;

Mr. Duncan presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Hancock, in the State of Illinois;

praying, respectively, for the establishment of post routes therein mentioned and described.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Allen presented a petition of Richard Poole, of the State of Virginia, praying payment for his services as a member of the corps of Petersburg volunteers in the late war with Great Britain, for expenses incurred in curing disease contracted in service, and for pay as a captain in the army of the United States at a subsequent period of said war.

Mr. Crockett presented a petition of three citizens of the Cherokee nation of Indians, by W. S. Coodey, their agent, stating, that, by treaties concluded between the United States and said Cherokee nation in the years 1817 and 1819, the petitioners became entitled each to a reservation of 640 acres of land, that they were forcibly dispossessed of said land by white men, that they sued out writs of ejectment, but from poverty were unable to prosecute said writs, and that judgments have gone against them by default; and praying indemnity for their losses from the Government of the United States.

Mr. Crane presented a petition of Timothy Green, of the State of Ohio, praying payment for three hundred and twelve head of hogs, taken from him for the use of soldiers of the United States in the year 1815.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Haynes Crabtree, of the State of Alabama, praying to be paid for a wagon and team taken from him in the year 1818 or 1819, by a military officer, for the use of a detachment of troops of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Vance presented a remonstrance of inhabitants of the county of Clark, in the State of Ohio, against making the towns of Dayton and Eaton points in the Cumberland road now constructing through that State.

Mr. Boon presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, praying that an island in the river Wabash, called "Arthur's island," may be granted to said State, with authority to appropriate the same in such manner as will tend in the best manner to improve the navigation of the Wabash river.

*Ordered*, That the said remonstrance and memorial be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Duncan presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, praying aid from the General Government, in constructing a road from the town of America to the town of Vandalia; as, also, for the repair of certain other roads in said State; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Irvin, of Ohio,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Henry H. Hendschey, presented December 18, 1829, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Duncan presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, praying that a land office for the sale of public lands may be

established at the town of Danville, in said State; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Memorials praying Congress to repeal the act passed at the last session of Congress, providing for an exchange of lands with certain Indian tribes, and for their removal and permanent settlement west of the river Mississippi, and, also, that the Indians may be protected in the enjoyment of their lands, and in all rights secured to them by treaties entered into between said Indians and the United States, were, severally, presented, as follows:

By Mr. Evans, of Maine, of inhabitants of the town of Farmington, in the State of Maine.

By Mr. Grennell, of inhabitants of the town of Charlemonnt, in the county of Franklin, and State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Horace Everett, of inhabitants of the town of Thetford, in the county of Orange, in the State of Vermont.

By Mr. Whittlesey, of inhabitants of the towns of Northampton, Akron, Tallmadge, Mantua, Boston, and Stow, in the county of Portage, and of the towns of Kirtland and Madison, in the county of Geauga, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Memorials praying Congress to prohibit the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Coulter, of inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. McCreery, of inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Sill, of inhabitants of the county of Mercer, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Thomas Irwin, of inhabitants of the county of Fayette, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Whittlesey, of inhabitants of the towns of Ellsworth and Canfield, in the county of Trumbull, of the town of Kirtland, in the county of Geauga, and of the town of Strongville, in the county of Cuyahoga, in the State of Ohio.

By the Speaker, of inhabitants of the county of Beaver, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By the Speaker, of inhabitants of the county of Mechlenburg, in the State of Virginia.

Memorials praying Congress to pass no law to prohibit the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Wickliffe, of inhabitants of the State of Kentucky.

By Mr. Russel, of inhabitants of the county of Brown, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, of inhabitants of the county of Greene, in the State of Pennsylvania.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, to which is committed the report of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads on the subject to which they relate.

Mr. McCreery presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that an appropriation may be made for the complete repair of the Cumberland road in that State, and the permanent preservation of the same; which petition was committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which was committed the bill (No. 292) to provide for the repair and preservation of the Cumberland road.

Mr. Mercer presented a memorial of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, praying to be authorized to construct a turnpike road along a part of the line of their canal within the District of Columbia; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Duncan presented a resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, upon the subject of the northern boundary line of that State; which resolution was committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 508) to ascertain and survey the northern boundary of the State of Illinois.

Mr. Hinds presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Mississippi, praying that certain amendments therein set forth may be made to the act of 29th of May, 1829, entitled "An act to grant pre-emption rights to the settlers on the public lands;" which memorial was laid on the table.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Benjamin S. Smoot, of the State of Alabama, praying that his accounts as sutler to the second regiment of infantry of the army of the United States, from the year 1809 to 1815, may be adjusted, and the balance found due paid to him; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ingersoll presented a petition of inhabitants of the city of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, praying that beacons and buoys may be erected and placed on certain points and shoals near the entrance of the harbor of said city; which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. White presented a petition of inhabitants of East Florida, praying that measures may be adopted for adjudicating their claims to land lying in said territory.

Mr. White presented a petition of the town council of the town of Marianna, in the county of Jackson, in the Territory of Florida, praying for a donation of a township of public land, to be selected in quarter sections from any vacant land in said county, for the support of a female academy.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Burges presented a memorial of citizens of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, claimants under the late convention between the United States and Denmark, concluded at Copenhagen on the 28th of March, 1830, being a copy of the memorial of sundry other claimants under the same convention, residing in Portland, in the State of Maine, presented to this House on the 24th of January instant; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in obedience to the joint resolution of the 29th of May, 1830, "requiring annual reports to be made to Congress, in relation to applications for pensions;" which report was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the cases of Alexander and Sylvester Humphrey and Henry Stoker; which reports were laid on the table.

Mr. McIntire, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Hugh McDonald; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Chilton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the cases of Vincent Castor and Bartow Lowe, and that they lie on the table.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which the subject was referred on the 11th instant, reported a bill (No. 585) making an appropriation for a custom-house in the city of New York; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Trezvant,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of David Croxford, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 84,) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel McIntire, deceased," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 72,) entitled "An act for the relief of Ezekiel Canfield," be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Mercer, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the memorial of the Alexandria Canal Company, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill, (No. 586,) authorizing a subscription to the stock of the Alexandria Canal Company; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Bailey,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Isaac Drew on the revolutionary pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Wednesday next, at twelve o'clock, proceed to the election of a printer to the House of Representatives for the twenty-second Congress.

On motion of Mr. Sill,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be directed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Alleghany river.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the Senate chamber to attend the trial by the Senate of the impeachment of James H. Peck, judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the chamber of the House; and the Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee of the Whole, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial of the said impeachment; and that the said James H. Peck had been acquitted by the Senate of the matter whereof he stood charged by the House of Representatives, as contained in their article of impeachment exhibited against him.

A message was received from the President of the United States by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 13th instant, approve and sign—

A resolution in relation to the transmission of public documents printed by order of either House of Congress;

An act to change the time of holding the rule term of the circuit court for the district of West Tennessee: and on the 27th instant—

An act to alter the times of holding the district courts of the United States for the districts of Maine and Illinois, and the northern district of Alabama;

An act making appropriation for the payment of revolutionary and invalid pensioners;

An act to extend the time for entering certain donation claims to land in the Territory of Arkansas;

An act for closing certain accounts, and making appropriations in the Indian Department;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Edward Moore, deceased.

The amendment of the Senate to the bill (No. 526) entitled "An act for the relief of Matthias Roll," was read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendment of the Senate to the bill (No. 516) entitled "An act to ascertain and mark the line between the State of Alabama and Territory of Florida, and for other purposes," was read, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 535) entitled "An act to amend the act for taking the fifth census," were read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 68. An act to alter and amend an act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive;

No. 80. An act for the relief of James Sprague;

No. 89. An act to amend the act granting certain relinquished and unappropriated land to the State of Alabama for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Tennessee, Coosa, Cahawba, and Black Warrior rivers, approved 23d May, 1828;

No. 97. An act for the relief of William Scott, of Tennessee; were, severally, read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 68. To the Committee on Agriculture;

No. 80. To the Committee on Private Land Claims;

No. 89. To the Committee on Internal Improvements;

No. 97. To the Committee on Military Pensions.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, viz:

No. 35. An act to authorize the transportation of merchandise by land or by water, with the benefit of debenture;

No. 47. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to quiet the titles of certain purchasers of lands between the lines of Ludlow and Roberts, in the State of Ohio," approved the 26th May, 1830, were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 78,) entitled "An act making provision for the compensation of witnesses, and the payment of other expenses attending the trial of the impeachment of James H. Peck," was read the third time as amended, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the amendment to the said bill.



The bill from the Senate, (No. 17,) entitled "An act authorizing the sale of a tract of land therein named," was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall the bill pass? when it was

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Wednesday, the 3d instant.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 50,) entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make compensation to the heirs of Taliaferro Livingston and Francis W. Armstrong, for the maintenance of fifteen Africans, illegally imported into the United States," was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall the bill pass? when it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the motion made on the 6th of January instant, to reconsider the vote on the question, Shall the bill (No. 255) "to authorize a change in the disposal of the land granted for the construction of the Illinois and Michigan canal," be engrossed, and read a third time?

And the question being put, Will the House reconsider the said vote?

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas,	: : : : : 82,
	{ Nays,	: : : : : 109.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Bailey, Mordecai Bartley, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, George Evans, Edward Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isacks, Keesey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Chittendon Lyon, Rollin C. Mallary, Henry C. Martindale, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, James Standefer, Philander Stephens, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—82.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, Noyes Barber, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, John Bell, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Warren

R. Davis, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, Perkins King, Adam King, Pryor Lea, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Daniel H. Miller, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, John B. Sterigerc, Henry R. Storrs, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvaut, Starling Tucker, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, and Lewis Williams.—109.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 330) for the relief of James Monroe.

The question to concur with the Committee of the Whole House in striking out the enacting words of the bill, recurred;

And being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas, : : : : : 80,  
  { Nays, : : : : : 109.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, William Cahoon, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard M. Cooper, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, Henry Daniel, Robert Desha, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, William W. Ellsworth, James Findlay, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Jacob C. Isacks, Cave Johnson, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Standefer, William L. Storrs, Benjamin Swift, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvaut, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Charles A. Wickliffe, Lewis Williams, and Joseph F. Wingate.—80.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, John S. Barbour, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, Ratliff Boon, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Car-

son, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Conduct, Henry W. Conner, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Ralph I. Ingersoll, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, James Lent, Chittenden Lyon, Rollin C. Malary, Henry C. Martindale, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Ebenezer F. Norton, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—109.

And then the House adjourned.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1831.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the amendment of the Senate to the bill (No. 516) entitled "An act to ascertain and mark the line between the State of Alabama and the Territory of Florida, and for other purposes," reported the agreement of the committee to the said amendment.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 507. An act to authorize the construction of three schooners for the naval service of the United States;

No. 145. An act to amend the several acts respecting copyrights;

No. 526. An act for the relief of Matthias Roll and William Jackson;

No. 535. An act to amend the act for taking the fifth census; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the cases of Dominique Ladner, Lachlan Durrant, William J. Price, William M. King, Samuel Keyes, Francis Renshaw, Edwin Swink, and the memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, upon the subject of asylums, and that the said petitions and memorial do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the New York Chamber of Commerce, and that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which

is committed the bill (No. 585) to provide for the erection of a custom-house in the city of New York.

Mr. Draper, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the memorial of the widow and heirs of Pedro alias Pierre Guedry and Francis Diagre, accompanied by a bill (No. 587) for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Pettis, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 69,) entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Coburn, of the State of Mississippi," made a verbal report, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 62,) entitled "An act for the relief of Woodson Wren, of Mississippi," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Bar. J. Van Valkenburg; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 77,) entitled "An act for the relief of Antoine Dequindre and the legal representatives of Louis Dequindre, deceased," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Foster, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Robert Smith; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Foster,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of J. Winter Browne, and that it lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Ellsworth,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, which was instructed on the 31st of December ultimo to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the judge of the western district of Virginia, and of changing the time of holding the courts in said district, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Gilmer,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James Marsh, and that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of John Haslete, the heirs of Samuel Herrick, Oliver Merrick, and of the working men of the city of Boston, and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Trezvant,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Peter Cleer, and that he have leave to withdraw his said petition.

**On motion of Mr. Duncan,**

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Wickersham, and that it lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the following resolution, moved by Mr. Potter, on the 22d of January ultimo:

*Resolved*, That that rule of the House, which limits the presentation of petitions, resolutions, and reports to one hour in each day, ~~be~~ rescinded.

A motion was made by Mr. Potter, that the said resolution be referred to a select committee, with authority to report such amendments to the rules of the House, generally, as to said committee shall seem proper.

And the question being put to agree to this motion,

It passed in the affirmative; and

Mr. Potter, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Speight, and Mr. Sutherland, were appointed the said committee.

The resolution moved by Mr. Speight on the 25th instant, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. Boon on the 26th instant, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The Speaker presented a letter from the Mayor of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, asking the House for a donation, in wood, for the benefit of the poor of that town; which said letter being read,

**Mr. Washington moved the following resolution:**

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House is hereby authorized and directed to cause thirty cords of wood to be delivered to the order of the Mayor of Georgetown, for the use of the suffering poor of that town.

**This resolution being read,**

A motion was made by Mr. Blair, of South Carolina, to amend the same, by striking out all after the word resolved, and inserting as follows:

"That the Sergeant-at-Arms be required to deduct from the compensation of the members of this House one day's pay, and deliver said sum to the Mayor of Georgetown, to be applied to the purchase of fuel for the paupers of that town: *Provided, nevertheless*, That such deduction shall be made from the compensation of such members *only* as vote in favor of this resolution."

Pending the question on this motion, the previous question was moved by Mr. Storrs, of New York; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 104,  
{ Nays, . . . . . 84.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are.

Messrs. John Bailey, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Blair, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Thomas Davenport, Edmund Deberry, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Na-

than Gaither, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isacks, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, William Keanon, John Kincaid, Adam King, Robert P. Letcher, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pierce, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, William Stenberry, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—104.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard Coulter, Robert Craig, David Crockett, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, William Drayton, Jonas Earll, jr., James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Joseph Hemphill, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Lewis Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Robert Monell, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John Mercer Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, John W. Weeks, Richard H. Wilde, and Lewis Williams.—84.

The said main question was then put, viz: Will the House agree to the resolution as proposed by Mr. Washington?

And passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	108,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	79.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, John Blair, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Samuel P. Carson, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crownin-

shield, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, William Drayton, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Adam King, James Lent, Chittenden Lyon, Rollin C. Mallary, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Ebenezer F. Norton, Walter H. Overton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsay, James F. Randolph, Robert S. Rose, William B. Shepard, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, John W. Taylor, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.—108.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Radliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Henry B. Cowles, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, Jonas Earll, jr., Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jacob C. Isaacs, Leonard Jarvis, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Robert Monell, William T. Nuckolls, John Mercer Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, James Standefer, Benjamin Swift, John Test, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Samuel F. Vinton, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—79.

On motion of Mr. Whittlesey,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of constructing a pier head to the pier at Cunningham's creek, and beacon lights at the harbors constructed on lake Erie, in the State of Ohio, and into the expediency of surveying the mouth of Chagrin river, and that the reports of the Secretary of War and of the Secretary of the Treasury, referred at the last session of Congress, be again referred to the said committee.

Mr. Norton moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be instructed to transmit to this

House the survey and estimate of Silver creek harbor, in the county of Chatauque, and State of New York, made and submitted to that department by Major Maurice, in the fall of 1829.

On motion of Mr. Drayton,

*Resolved*, That the files of the documents of this House, at the end of each session, be delivered by the doorkeeper, under the direction of the Clerk, to the adjutant general of the army of the United States, for the use of his bureau.

On motion of Mr. Draper,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of defining, *by statute*, all offences which may be punishable as contempts of the courts of the United States, and also to limit the punishment of the same.

The Speaker presented a memorial of the heirs and representatives of the house of Basmarin and Raimbaux, merchants of Bordeaux, in France, in the period of the revolutionary war, upon the subject of the claims of the said house against the United States, arising out of transactions during that war; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have concurred in the amendments of this House to their bill, (No. 78,) entitled "An act making provision for the compensation of witnesses, and payment of other expenses attending the impeachment of James H. Peck." The Senate have passed the bill of this House, (No. 515,) entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to John Powell;" and have also passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 100. An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois;

No. 102. An act for the relief of Brevet Major Riley, and Lieutenants Brook and Seawright;

No. 104. An act for the relief of John Gough, and other Canadian refugees;

No. 103. An act for the relief of James Hogland;

No. 105. An act for the relief of William Smith, administrator of John Taylor, deceased;  
in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 330) for the relief of James Monroe.

A motion was made by Mr. Mercer to amend the said bill, by striking out the following words, viz:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cause to be paid to James Monroe, out of any unappropriated moneys in the Treasury, the sum of sixty-seven thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars and ninety-six cents;" and, in lieu thereof, inserting the following, viz:

"That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury, under the supervision and direction of the Secretary of War, and subject to the approval of the President of the United States, be, and they are hereby, authorized to adjust and settle all the accounts and claims of James Monroe, late President of the United States, upon principles of justice and equity.



*"And be it further enacted,* That so soon as any amount shall have been found due to the said James Monroe, it shall be paid to him out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

A motion was made by Mr. Williams to amend the amendment proposed to be inserted by Mr. Mercer, by striking out from the words "officers of the Treasury," to the end thereof, and inserting the following, viz: "Be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to examine and adjust all the accounts and claims of James Monroe, late President of the United States, upon the principles of justice and equity."

*"And be it further enacted,* That the amount of the several accounts and claims, when examined and adjusted in the manner aforesaid, together with the principle on which each item is founded, shall be reported to Congress for final decision and allowance."

And on the question to agree to this amendment,

It passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	109,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	81.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, William Cahoon, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, James Findlay, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, Jacob C. Isaacks, Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Henry A. Muhlenberg, John Mercer Patton, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, Jonah Stanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Charles A. Wickliffe, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—109.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, John S. Barbour, Thomas Beekman, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Samuel P. Carson, Timothy Childs, Nicholas D. Coleman, David Crockett, Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Charles G. De Witt, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, George



William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horate Everett, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Ralph I. Ingersoll, William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isacks, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Rollin C. Mallary, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Ebenezer F. Norton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, James Strong, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, Phineas L. Tracey, James Trezvant, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.—92.

The previous question was then moved by Mr. Haynes; when  
The House adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1831.

Mr. Irvin, of Ohio, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, made a report, accompanied by a bill (No. 588) for the sale of the lands in the State of Illinois, reserved for the use of salt springs on the Vermillion river, in that State; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Edward Livingston, accompanied by a bill (No. 589) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report on the petition of A. S. Campbell; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which the subject was referred on the 16th of December last, reported a bill (No. 590) to repeal the charges imposed on passports and clearances; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Spencer, of New York, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 68,) entitled "An act to alter and amend an act to set apart and dispose of certain lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Wednesday, the 9th instant.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 72,) entitled "An act for the relief of Ezekiel Canfield," made a verbal report, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 97,) entitled "An act for the relief of William Scott, of Tennessee," made a verbal report, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. McIntire, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Martha Bailey, administratrix of Theophilus Bailey, deceased, James Thorn, surviving partner of Elias Mather and James Thorn, and Sarah Anderson and Henry J. Anderson, administratrix and administrator of Elbert Anderson, deceased; which report was committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Trezvant,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Adin Bartlett, Preserved Redway, William Duggan, and Godfrey H. Belding; and that said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which the subject was referred on the 20th ultimo, reported a bill (No. 591) to direct the manner of issuing patents on confirmed land claims on the Territory of Florida; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. McDuffie, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 592) to authorize the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department to credit the account of the Treasurer of the United States with the amount of unavailable funds; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of the legal representatives of Colonel John Thornton, deceased, accompanied by a bill (No. 593) for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Charles Drish, accompanied by a bill (No. 594) for the relief of the legal representatives of Christian Ish, deceased; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 40,) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Peter Celestino Walker, and John Peter Walker, deceased, and of Joseph Walker, of the State of Mississippi," made a report, verbally, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, that the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 78) entitled "An act making provision for the compensation of witnesses, and payment of other expenses attending the trial of the impeachment of James H. Peck," and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, of Georgia, that the House do reconsider the vote taken yesterday on the question to agree to the amendment moved by Mr. Mercer to the bill (No. 330) for the relief of James Monroe, as amended on the motion of Mr. Williams.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, } Yeas, . . . . . 98,  
   } Nays, . . . . . 101,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Clement C. Clay, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, William Creighton, jr., Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johanson, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuokolls, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—98.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William S. Archer, John Bailey, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barwell, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Samuel P. Carson, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, James Clarke, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Ralph I. Ingersoll, William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isaacs, Kenasy Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Robert P. Letaher, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreary, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Ebenezer F. Norton, Walter H. Overton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Petie, James F. Randolph, Joseph Richardson, Robert L. Rose, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Benedict L. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storm,

James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, John Taliaferro, John Test, Phineas L. Tracy, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.—101.

The House then proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a printer to the House of Representatives for the twenty-second Congress; and, upon an examination of the first ballot, it appeared that Duff Green was duly elected.

The Speaker laid before the house a communication of George Cameron, of the city of Washington, upon the subject of supplying the capitol and other public buildings with water; which letter was read, and referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, viz:

No. 100. An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois;

No. 102. An act for the relief of Brevet Major Riley and Lieutenants Brook and Seawright;

No. 103. An act for the relief of James Hogland;

No. 104. An act for the relief of John Gough and other Canadian refugees;

No. 105. An act for the relief of William Smith, administrator of John Taylor, deceased;

were, severally, read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 100. To the Committee of Ways and Means;

No. 102. To the Committee on Military Affairs;

No. 103. }

No. 104. } To the Committee on Private Land Claims;

No. 105. To the Committee on the Public Lands.

*Ordered*, That the amendment of the Senate to the bill (No. 516) entitled "An act to ascertain and mark the line between the State of Alabama and Territory of Florida, and for other purposes," be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 330) for the relief of James Monroe: when

It was ascertained that the previous question, which was moved by Mr. Haynes yesterday, was not seconded by a majority of the members present.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, to amend the said bill, by striking out from the enacting words of said bill to the end thereof, and, in lieu of the part so stricken out, inserting the following:

"That, for public services, losses, and sacrifices, the sum of thirty-six thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid to James Monroe immediately after the passing of this act, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; which shall be in full of all demands of the said James Monroe for his claims aforesaid."

A motion was then made by Mr. Chilton, that the said bill do lie on table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative,	} Yeas,	. . . . . 84,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson,

William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, William Cahoon, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard M. Cooper, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, Henry Daniel, Robert Desha, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, William W. Ellsworth, James Findlay, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Jacob C. Isacks, Cave Johnson, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Lewis Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, Jesse Speight, James Standefer, William L. Storrs, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—84.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. John Bailey, John S. Barbour, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, Peter I. Borst, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Churchhill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Jacob Crocherson, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Ebenezer F. Norton, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, Phineas L. Tracy, Starling Tucker, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.—112.

A motion was then made by Mr. Patton to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Hemphill, by striking out "thirty-six thousand dollars," and

inserting "fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars." This motion was disagreed to by the House;

And the question was then put on the amendment proposed by Mr. Hemphill,

And was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 93,  
Nays, . . . . . 99.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, John S. Barbour, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard Coulter, David Crockett, Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, James Lent, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Ebenezer F. Norton, John Mercer Patton, Dutce J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, John Scott, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, John Taliaferro, Phineas L. Tracy, John Varnum, Guliam C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young—93.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, William Cahoon, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Clement Dorsey, William Drayton, William W. Ellsworth, James Findlay, James Ford, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Jacob C. Isacks, Cafe Johnson, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, Alem Marr, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher,



John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, William L. Storrs, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—99.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Hemphill to amend the said bill, by striking out from the enacting words to the end of the said bill, and, in lieu of the part so stricken out, inserting the following, viz:

“That, for the public services, losses, and sacrifices, the sum of *thirty* thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid to James Monroe immediately after the passing of this act, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; which shall be in full of all demands of the said James Monroe for his claims aforesaid.”

Whereupon, a motion was made by Mr. Potter to amend the said amendment, by inserting therein, after the word “sacrifices,” these words, viz: “in addition to the sum of three hundred and fifty-four thousand dollars heretofore paid to said James Monroe for the same consideration.”

And after debate,

The question was put to agree to this motion,

And was decided in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Rencher, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Hemphill, by adding thereto the following, viz:

“*Provided*, That the accounting officer of the Treasury Department shall, upon an examination of his accounts, believe so much is due him upon principles of equity and justice.”

Mr. Hemphill accepted this proviso as a modification of his amendment; and modified his said amendment accordingly.

And the question was then put, that the house do agree to the said amendment as modified,

And passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas,	105,
	{ Nays,	84.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are;

Messrs. William S. Archer, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, John S. Barbour, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beckman, John Bell, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Samuel Butman, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Timothy Childs, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Richard Coulter, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Leonard Jarvis, Meney Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, James Lent, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Ebenezer F. Norton, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John Mercer Patton, Duten J. Pearce, Spencer Pettie, Isaac Pierson, James

F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Reacher, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.—105.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, William Cahoon, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, Henry Daniel, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, William W. Ellsworth, James Findlay, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Jacob C. Isaacs, Cave Johnson, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Henry A. Muhlenberg, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, Jesse Speight, James Standefer, William L. Storrs, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Samuel F. Vinton, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Charles A. Wickliffe, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—84.

The question then recurred, Shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time? when

The House adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1831.

On leave given,

The Speaker presented a petition of George Ficklin and Daniel Ward, setting forth that they purchased certain lands belonging to a certain John Morrison; that, subsequently to the said purchase, the United States obtained a judgment against said Morrison, as the surety of a contractor for furnishing arms to the United States, and that said lands are now held liable for the satisfaction of said judgment; and praying relief in the premises; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Polk,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James Sykes, presented December 13, 1826, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Mallary presented a petition of Israel Phillips, of the State of Vermont, praying to be allowed a pension; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Broadhead presented a memorial of inhabitants of the town of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, praying that measures may be

adopted to arrest the circulation of small foreign silver coins, and that such an issue of coins of the United States, of small dimensions, may be ordered, as shall be commensurate with the public wants; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. White, of Florida, presented a petition of inhabitants of the Territory of Florida, praying that Saint Andrew's bay may be established as a port of entry; which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Coke presented a petition of James Davis, of the State of Virginia, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a forfeiture to the United States of the sum of fifty dollars, arising from a contingency which he had no power to control; which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Test presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a post route; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Richardson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 507. An act to authorize the construction of three schooners for the naval service of the United States.

No. 145. An act to amend the several acts respecting copyrights.

No. 535. An act to amend the act for taking the fifth census.

No. 526. An act for the relief of Matthias Roll and William Jackson.

No. 78. An act making provision for the compensation of witnesses, and payment of other expenses attending the trial of the impeachment of James H. Peck.

On motion of Mr. Pettis,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Joseph Bogy, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 105,) entitled "An act for the relief of William Smith, administrator of John Taylor, deceased," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Mallary, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which had been referred the memorial of the manufacturers of salt in Kenhawa county, in the State of Virginia, made a report, accompanied by a bill (No. 595) to repeal a part of an act to reduce the duty on salt; which bill was read the first time.

And opposition being made thereto by Mr. Chilton,

The question was stated, Shall this bill be rejected? when,

On motion of Mr. Wilde, a call of the House was ordered.

And the roll having been called, one hundred and ninety-three members answered to their names, viz:

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel

P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Henry H. Gurley, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Charles E. Haynes, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kenyon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Ebenezer F. Norton, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—193.

Further proceedings on the call were then dispensed with.

And the question was again stated, Shall the bill be rejected?

Upon which debate arose, and continued until the hour allotted by the rules of the House for the consideration of reports and motions expired.

And then, on leave, sundry resolutions were introduced, viz:

On motion of Mr. McCoy,

*Resolved*, That the Committees on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Harrisonburg, in the State of Virginia, by Dinkletown, and Miller's iron-works, to Strebling's Spring.



The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, John S. Barbour, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Timothy Childs, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Richard Coulter, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennoa, James Lent, Rollin C. Mallary, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Ebenezer F. Norton, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John Mercer Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, Phineas L. Tracy, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.—105.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratcliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, William Cahoon, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, Henry Daniel, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, William W. Ellsworth, James Findlay, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Cave Johnson, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, Jesse Speight, William Stanberry, James Standefer, William L. Storrs, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—92.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time this day.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 528) making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Stanberry on the 12th January ultimo to amend the said bill in the manner set forth in the proceedings of that day;

And after further debate thereon,

The House adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1831.

Mr. Rencher, by leave of the House, presented a memorial of merchants and other citizens of Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina, upon the subject of the differences in the duties on tonnage on American and Spanish vessels imposed by the Spanish Government of the Island of Cuba, and the high duties imposed by the Government of Portugal on American rice; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 91,) entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin S. Smoot, of Alabama," made a report, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Fleming; which report was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. McCoy, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Robert Irvin; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Gaetano Carusi; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, made a report on the petition of Eli Smith, accompanied by a bill (No. 596) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, made a report on the petition of John R. Rappleye, accompanied by a bill (No. 597) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Trezvant,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Jabez Hawes, and that it lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Bockee,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin B. Bruce, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of J. B. Taylor, accompanied by a bill (No. 598) for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of John Noble Taylor, deceased; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Drayton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, which was instructed on the 20th of January ultimo to inquire, *first*, into the expediency of dismissing from the army the supernumerary second lieutenants by brevet commissions; *second*, into the expediency of fixing the age between 17 and 21 years as the period of admission into the West Point Academy, and that all graduates, from time to time, at that institution shall be discharged from the army when not needed for the actual service of the country; *third*, to inquire into the expediency of authorizing appointments in the line of the army from the meritorious non-commissioned officers; and *fourth*, of reducing the number of cadets in said academy now authorized by law; made a report, accompanied by a bill (No. 599) to reduce the number of cadets at the United States' Military Academy, and for other purposes; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Daniel,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin S. Smoot, and that it lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Magee,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the consideration of the petition of James McMahan, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Verplanck, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 100,) entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois," reported the same with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Gilmore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Jacob Wolf, a soldier of the revolution, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Drayton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 91) for the adjustment and settlement of the claim of South Carolina against the United States be discharged, and that the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday, the 14th instant.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 595) to repeal a part of an act to reduce the duty on salt.

The question recurred, Shall the bill be rejected?

And after further debate,

Mr. Chilton withdrew his opposition to the said bill: when

Mr. Thompson, of Georgia, renewed the opposition to the said bill.

The question then again recurred, Shall the bill be rejected?

And after further debate,

A motion was made by Mr. Huntington, that the further consideration of the said question be postponed until Friday, the 18th of the present month.

And after debate thereon, the hour allotted by the rules of the House for the consideration of reports and motions expired: when

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the returns rendered to the Treasury Department, agreeably to law, by the incorporated banks in the District of Columbia,



showing their affairs at the close of the year 1830; which letter and returns were laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, in reply to a call of the House for information relating to the survey of the Wabash river; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

An engrossed bill (No. 390) for the relief of James Monroe was read the third time.

And on the question, Shall this bill pass? . . .

It passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	103,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	88.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, John S. Barbour, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Samuel Butman, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Timothy Childs, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Richard Coulter, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Deany, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, William Gordon, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, William Kennon, James Lent, Rollin C. Mallary, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Ebenezer F. Norton, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, Phineas L. Tracy, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—103.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, William Cahoon, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, William W. Ellsworth, James Findlay, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Jacob C.

Isacks, Cave Johnson, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Alem Marr, Thomas Maxwell, Lexis Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Sheperd, William L. Storrs, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—88.

The title of the said bill was then amended to read "An act to provide for the final settlement and adjustment of the various claims preferred by James Monroe against the United States."

*Ordered*, That the clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 105,) entitled "An act for the relief of William Smith, administrator of John Taylor, deceased," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion was made by Mr. McDuffie, that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the bill (No. 82) to compensate Susan Decatur, widow and legal representative of captain Stephen Decatur, deceased, and others.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas,	: : : : : 85,
	{ Nays,	: : : : : 100.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William S. Archer, John S. Barbour, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard Coulter, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Isaac Finch, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Charles E. Haynes, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, Jacob C. Isacks, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Pryor Lea, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monnell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Gershom Powers, James F. Randolph, Abram Rencher, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Joel B. Sutherland, John W. Taylor, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, and Ephraim K. Wilson.—85.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert W

Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Thomas T. Bouldin, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chandler, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clerk, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Duncan, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Joseph Leconte, Robert P. Letcher, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, William McCoy, Daniel H. Miller, Walter H. Overton, Isaac Pierson, Robert Potter, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, James Standefer, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Elisha Whittlesey, Lewis Williams, Joseph F. Wingate, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—100.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on

The bill (No. 214) for the relief of Benjamin Gibbs;

The bill (No. 215) for the relief of Phineas Sprague;

The bill (No. 216) for the relief of Aaron Snow;

and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Huntington reported the said bills without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be engrossed, and, severally, read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on

The bill (No. 222) for the relief of Henry H. Tuckerman;

The bill (No. 223) for the relief of Mary H. Hawkins;

The bill (No. 225) for the relief of Joseph H. Webb;

The bill (No. 220) for the relief of the heirs at law of Richard Livingston, a Canadian refugee;

and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Drayton reported the said bills, with an amendment to the last mentioned bill (No. 220); which amendment was read, and disagreed to by the House: when, on motion of Mr. Wickliffe, the said bill was amended.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be engrossed, and, severally, read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on

The bill (No. 227) for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Gordon, deceased;

The bill (No. 228) for the relief of John Lord;

The bill (No. 435) for the relief of William Tharp;

The bill (No. 423) for the relief of Samuel Keep;

The bill (No. 232) for the relief of the children of Charles Comb, or Cohn, and his late wife Margarite, previously Margarite Dozi;

and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict reported the said bills, with amendments to those for the relief of Samuel Keep and John Lord; which amendments were read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on

The bill (No. 238) to compensate David Kilbourn for services rendered by him to the United States during the late war;

The bill (No. 245) for the relief of John Sapp;

The bill (No. 475) for the relief of Peter Peck;

The bill (No. 246) for the relief of William J. Quincy and Charles E. Quincy;

and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Archer reported the said bills without amendment.

*Ordered*. That the said bills be severally engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on

The bill (No. 247) for the relief of George Innis;

The bill (No. 249) for the relief of Colin McLachlan;

The bill (No. 250) for the relief of John Buhler;

The bill (No. 251) for the relief of Susanna McHugh;

The bill (No. 252) for the relief of Dorothy Wells;

The bill (No. 253) for the relief of Eugene Borrell;

and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lamar reported the said bills without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be severally engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on

The bill (No. 256) for the relief of George E. Tingle;

The bill (No. 258) for the relief of Thomas F. Cornell;

and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bates reported the said bills without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be engrossed, and severally read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1831.

Mr. Duncan, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 210) entitled "An act to establish a land office in the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes," reported the agreement of the committee in the said amendments.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was re-committed, on the 27th of January ultimo, the bill (No. 131) to authorize the Legislature of Missouri to sell the lands reserved for schools, a seminary of learning, and salt springs, in that State, reported an amendatory bill; which was read the first and second time, and the further consideration thereof was postponed until Monday next, the 7th instant.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which the subject was referred on the 6th January ultimo, reported a bill (No. 600) explanatory of the act entitled "An act for the relief of officers and soldiers of the Virginia line and navy, and of the continental army, during the revolutionary war," approved 30th May, 1830; which bill was read the first

and second time, and the further consideration thereof was postponed until Wednesday next, the 9th instant.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill (No. 601) for the final adjustment of the claims to lands in the southeastern land district of the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes; which bill was read the first and second time, and the further consideration thereof was postponed until Tuesday next, the 8th instant.

Mr. Irvin, of Ohio, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Clarissa B. Harrison, accompanied by a bill (No. 602) for her relief; which was read the first and second time, and the further consideration thereof was postponed until Saturday, the 12th instant.

Mr. Maxwell, from the Committee of Accounts, made a report on the memorial of the witnesses from the State of Missouri who were in attendance before the Committee on the Judiciary at the last session of Congress, in the case of Judge Peck, accompanied by a resolution; which was read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be authorized to pay to the witnesses who attended before the Committee on the Judiciary, in the case of Judge Peck, at the last session, the same compensation for their attendance, and mileage, respectively, as have been allowed to the witnesses who have attended the trial of the impeachment at the present session, deducting therefrom the amount allowed to them at the close of the last session.

Mr. Everett, from the committee appointed on the memorial of the trustees of the New England Asylum for the Blind, made a report, accompanied by a bill (No. 603) providing for a grant of land to the said asylum; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Blair, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, which was instructed to inquire into the expediency of having an examination and report made of the dyke or levee of Bonnet Carré point, in the State of Louisiana, made a report thereon; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Blair, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, which was instructed, on the 24th of December last, to inquire into the expediency of procuring to be made by the board of engineers of the United States, a survey of the rivers Tennessee and Holston, and an estimate of the improvements of the same, from the place commonly called "the Suck," on the Tennessee river, to the town of Knoxville, on the Holston river, made a report; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of inhabitants of the State of Missouri, referred to that committee on the 18th ultimo, and that said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Blair, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 89,) entitled "An act to amend the act granting certain relinquished and unappropriated lands to the State of Alabama, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Tennessee, Coosa, Cahawba, and Black Warrior rivers, approved the 23d May, 1828," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 595) to repeal a part of an act to reduce the duty on salt.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Huntington, that the further consideration of the question, Shall the said bill be rejected? be postponed until Friday, the 18th instant: whereupon,

Mr. Thompson, of Georgia, withdrew his opposition to the said bill.

The question then recurred on the motion that the said bill be read the second time;

And being put,

It passed in the affirmative.

The said bill was then read the second time;

And a motion was made by Mr. Williams, that the said bill do lie on the table.

And the question being put,

It passed in the affirmative, {	Yeas, . . . . .	145;
	Nays, . . . . .	41.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, John S. Barbour, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, Henry W. Dwight, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Jacob C. Isaacs, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, Rollin C. Mallary, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Ebenezer F. Norton, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Dutes J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, William Ramsey, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Starling Tucker, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, Robert W. Barnwell, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Campbell, Timothy Childs, Richard Coke, jr., Henry Daniel, Warren R. Davis, William Drayton, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Henry C. Martindale, William McCoy, William T. Nuckolls, Robert Potter, John Roane, James Strong, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, Campbell P. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, and Richard H. Wilde.—41.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to procure 216 copies of the debates of the State Conventions on the adoption of the Federal Constitution in 1787, one copy of which to be delivered to each member; and that the clerk be, also, directed to have preserved for each member an extra copy of the reports of Congress at each session, and to have the same bound in a strong, cheap, ordinary binding, to embrace the present session, and to continue in future.

The said resolution being read, it was

On motion of Mr. Cambreleng, referred to the Committee on the Library, to consider and report thereon.

The Speaker presented to the House a memorial of the corporation of the city of Washington, praying Congress to make provision for paving Pennsylvania avenue, in said city, from the Capitol to the Executive offices; that the course of Tiber creek may be changed so as to cross said avenue in Second street west; that an appropriation may be made for lighting the lamps on Pennsylvania avenue; that the defects in the charter of said city, in relation to the collection of arrearage taxes, may be remedied; and that the charter may be amended so as to constitute some tribunal to which the mayor may be amenable for malconduct in office; which memorial was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 17) entitled "An act authorizing the sale of a tract of land therein named."

The question recurred, Shall the said bill pass?

And being put,

It passed in the affirmative.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 588) entitled "An act for the sale of lands in the State of Illinois reserved for the use of salt springs on the Vermillion river, in that State."

The question recurred, Shall the said bill pass?

And being put,

It passed in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill (No. 225) for the relief of Josiah H. Webb, was read the third time.

And on the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was decided in the negative.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 214. An act for the relief of Benjamin Gibbs;

No. 215. An act for the relief of Phineas Sprague and others;

No. 216. An act for the relief of Aaron Snow;

No. 227. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Gordon, deceased;

- No. 220. An act for the relief of the heirs at law of Richard Livingston, a Canadian refugee;  
No. 222. An act for the relief of Henry H. Tuckerman;  
No. 223. An act for the relief of Mary H. Hawkins;  
No. 228. An act for the relief of John Lord;  
No. 232. An act for the relief of the children of Charles Comb, or Cohn, and his late wife Margarite, previously Margarite Dozi;  
No. 238. An act to compensate David Kilbourn for services rendered;  
No. 245. An act for the relief of John Sapp;  
No. 246. An act for the relief of William J. Quincy and Charles E. Quincy;  
No. 247. An act for the relief of George Innis;  
No. 249. An act for the relief of Collin McLachlan;  
No. 250. An act for the relief of John Buhler, of Louisiana;  
No. 251. An act for the relief of Susanna McHugh;  
No. 252. An act for the relief of Dorothy Wells;  
No. 253. An act for the relief of Eugene Borrell;  
No. 256. An act for the relief of George E. Tingle;  
No. 258. An act for the relief of Thomas F. Cornell;  
No. 435. An act for the relief of William Tharp;  
No. 476. An act for the relief of Peter Peck;
- were severally read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

An engrossed bill (No. 423) for the relief of Samuel Keep, was read the third time, and passed.

The title of said bill was amended to read "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Samuel Keep, deceased."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 89,) entitled "An act to amend an act granting certain relinquished and unappropriated lands to the State of Alabama, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Tennessee, Coosa, Cahawba, and Black Warrior rivers, approved the 23d day of May, 1828," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 210) entitled "An act to establish a land office in the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes;" and the said amendments being read, the three first were agreed to by the House;

And pending the question on the fourth amendment,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1831.

Mr. Evans, of Maine, presented a memorial of inhabitants of the town of Winthrop, in the county of Kennebec, in the State of Maine, praying that slavery in the District of Columbia may be abolished.

Mr. Washington presented a petition of the corporation of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, praying that the corporate limits of said town may be extended so as to give jurisdiction over a part of a tract of land called "Pretty Prospect," recently purchased by said corporation as a site for their poor house.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.



Mr. Butman presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Maine, residing on the post route between Monson and Bangor;

Mr. Butman presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Garland, in the State of Maine;

Mr. Cahoon presented a petition of inhabitants of the townships of Corinth, Bradford, Topsham, and Newbury, in Orange county, and of Groton, Ryegate, and Peacham, in Caledonia county, in the State of Vermont; praying, respectively, for the establishment of post routes therein described.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Monell presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Broome, in the State of New York;

Mr. Sill presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Crawford and Erie, in the State of Pennsylvania;

praying, respectively, for the establishment of post routes therein described

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Letcher,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William McBride, presented February 10, 1818, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Holland presented a petition of Benjamin Berry, of the State of Maine;

Mr. Broadhead presented a petition of Asa Marsten, of the State of New Hampshire;

Mr. Richardson presented a petition of Josiah Leonard, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Bailey presented a petition of William Draper, of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Horace Everett presented a petition of Samuel Spaulding, of the State of Vermont;

Mr. Swift presented a petition of James Little, and a petition of Jonathan Been, of the State of Vermont;

Mr. De Witt presented a petition of Henry Cramer, of the State of New York;

Mr. Finch presented a petition of James White, and a petition of Gustavus Stoughton, both of the State of New York;

Mr. Swan presented a petition of Recompense Stanberry, of the State of New Jersey;

Mr. Thomas Irwin presented a petition of Peter Patterson, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Thomas Irwin presented a petition of William McFarland, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Lamar presented a petition of Nicholas Streegle, of the State of Georgia;

Mr. Duncan presented a petition of Nehemiah Brush, of the State of Illinois;

Mr. Duncan presented a petition of John Snyder, of the State of Illinois; praying, respectively, that their names may be placed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. Hoffman presented a petition of Daniel Palmer, praying for an increase of his pension.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Richardson presented a petition of manufacturers of cut nails in the

town of Plymouth, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that a drawback may be allowed on the exportation of nails made of imported iron, equal to the duty paid on the importation of the iron; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, presented a memorial of inhabitants of the town of Southampton, in the county of Hampshire, and State of Massachusetts, praying that the act of the last session of Congress, providing for an exchange of lands with certain Indian tribes, and for their removal and permanent settlement west of the river Mississippi, may be repealed, that treaties heretofore made with the Indians may be inviolably observed; and that the said Indians may be protected in the enjoyment of their lands; and in all the rights secured to them by engagements entered into between said Indians and the United States.

*Ordered*, That the consideration of said memorial be postponed until Monday next, the 14th instant.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William Tryon, presented March 29, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins,

*Ordered*, That the petitions of inhabitants of the county of Jefferson, in the State of New York, presented at the last session of Congress, praying for the construction of a harbor at the mouth of Sandy creek, on lake Ontario, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Speight presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Beaufort, in the State of North Carolina, praying that the port of Beaufort may be put on an equal footing, as it respects commercial transactions, as the port of Ocracock, in said State; which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of William Eaton, of the State of New York, praying to be paid for certain baking utensils and other property, which were destroyed by the British forces on the capture of fort Niagara, in the late war, while he was employed in baking bread for troops of the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Washington presented a petition of clerks in the offices of the Commissary General of Subsistence, the Quartermaster General, the Adjutant General, and in the Engineer and Ordnance offices, attached to the Department of War, praying for an increase of compensation.

Mr. John S. Barbour presented a petition of the clerks in the office of the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury Department, praying for an increase of compensation.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Taliaferro presented a memorial of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones, an officer in the navy of the United States, setting forth that he received a wound in the service in the year 1814; that he applied to be placed on the list of naval pensioners in June, 1815; that he was placed on said list in February, 1828, at a sum less than he is entitled to claim; and praying that his pension may be allowed him from 1815, the date of his first application, and that the rate of pension may be increased to the sum to which he conceives himself fairly entitled.

Mr. Kincaid presented a petition of Anthony Gale, late lieutenant colonel commandant of the marine corps of the United States, praying to be placed on the list of navy pensioners.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. White, of Florida, presented a resolution of the legislative council of the Territory of Florida, requesting that the number of members of the said council may be increased to eighteen; which resolution was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of James Raven, of the State of Massachusetts, praying that the bounty in land to which he is entitled for services as a soldier in the army of the revolution, may be granted to him; which petition was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Whittlesey presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, praying for the aid of the Government of the United States in constructing a road from Wellsville, on the river Ohio, to Cleveland, on Lake Erie.

Mr. Vance presented a remonstrance of inhabitants of the State of Ohio, against the making of the towns of Dayton and Eaton points in the location of the Cumberland road now constructing through that State.

Mr. Coleman presented a petition of the president and directors of the Maysville, Washington, Paris, and Lexington turnpike road company, in the State of Kentucky, praying for the assistance of the General Government in the construction of said road, for which assistance said company propose to permit one line of mail stages to pass and repass over said road daily, until the amount of the grant shall be refunded and paid, with interest, to the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial, remonstrance, and petition be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Vinton presented a petition of James Ashcroft, of the State of Ohio, representative of John Ashcroft, deceased, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of a certain tract of land, entered by the said John Ashcroft in his lifetime, may be granted to his representative until 4th of July, 1893, upon paying for the same at the minimum price of public lands, in addition to the sum heretofore paid by the said John Ashcroft.

Mr. Thomson, of Ohio presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Stark and Wayne, in the State of Ohio, praying that certain public lands may be granted them, to aid in draining certain low and marshy lands in said counties.

Mr. Duncan presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, praying that those persons who aided in the defence of the frontiers of that State in the late war with Great Britain may be compensated by grants of land.

Mr. Duncan presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, praying that a certain William D. Brown may be paid for improvements made by him on a tract of land granted by Congress to the heirs of Nicholas Jarrott, deceased, in the year 1821.

Mr. Pettis presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Randolph and Howard, in the State of Missouri, praying that a tract of public land may be granted to a certain David Dunean, who is poor and helpless, with a family of fifteen small children to support.

Mr. Biddle presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Kalamaroo, in the Territory of Michigan, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of the public lands on which they reside may be granted to them.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Bouldin presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Buckingham, in the State of Virginia, praying that the aid of the General Government may be extended to the American Colonization Society, either by a grant of money, or by employing a part of the naval force in transporting emigrants to the colony in Africa; which petition was committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 412) to amend an act in addition to an act prohibiting the slave trade.

Mr. Nuckolls presented a petition of inhabitants of the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, praying for the establishment of a post route therein described; which petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Kennon presented memorials of inhabitants of the county of Morgan, in the State of Ohio, praying that the duty on imported salt may be restored which memorials were laid on the table.

Memorials praying Congress to repeal the act passed at the last session of Congress, providing for an exchange of lands with certain Indian tribes, and for their removal and permanent settlement west of the river Mississippi; also, that the Indians may be protected in the enjoyment of their lands, and in all the rights and privileges secured to them by treaties entered into between said Indians and the United States, were severally presented as follows:

By Mr. Wingate, of inhabitants of New Castle and its vicinity, in the State of Maine.

By Mr. Evans, of Maine, of inhabitants of the town of Winthrop, in the county of Kennebec, in the State of Maine.

By Mr. Davis, of Massachusetts, of inhabitants of the town of Worcester, in the county of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Kendall, of inhabitants of the town of Barre, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Storrs, of Connecticut, of inhabitants of the city of Middletown, in the State of Connecticut.

By Mr. Ellsworth, of inhabitants of the town of Suffield, in the State of Connecticut.

By Mr. Finch, of inhabitants of the county of Essex, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Condict, of inhabitants of the town of Lisle, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Sutherland, of inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Crawford, of inhabitants of the county of Adams, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Bartley, of inhabitants of the town of Elyria, in the county of Lorain, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Whittlesey, of inhabitants of the town of Hampden, in the county of Geauga; of the towns of Springfield, Franklin, Freedom, and Twinsburg, in the county of Portage; and of the town of Kingsville, in the county of Ashtabula, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Thomson, of Ohio, of inhabitants of the county of Stark, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Anderson presented a remonstrance of inhabitants of the town of Freeport, in the county of Cumberland, in the State of Maine, against the memo-

rial of other inhabitants of said town in behalf of the southern Indians; which remonstrance was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. King presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Dorchester, in the State of Maryland, praying that a new collection district may be established out of the present district of Vienna, and that the port of entry for the same may be fixed at some convenient place; which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wickliffe presented a memorial of inhabitants of Frankfort, in the State of Kentucky, praying that provision may be made for rendering the Ohio river navigable at all seasons of the year for small steamboats, from its mouth to the city of Pittsburg; which memorial was referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 440) for the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

Mr. Wickliffe presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Kentucky, praying that an appropriation may be made sufficient for the complete repair of the Cumberland road from Cumberland to Wheeling.

Mr. Thomas Irwin presented a similar petition of inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 292) for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road.

Memorials praying Congress to pass a law to prohibit the transportation of the public mails on the Sabbath day, were presented as follows, viz:

By Mr. Evans, of Maine, of inhabitants of the town of Winthrop, in the county of Kennebec, in the State of Maine.

By Mr. Wingate, of inhabitants of the town of New Castle and its vicinity, in the State of Maine.

By Mr. McCreery, of inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Denny, of inhabitants of the counties of Beaver and Alleghany, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Crawford, of inhabitants of the county of Perry, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Whittlesey, of inhabitants of the town of Hampden, in the county of Geauga, and of the town of Kingsville, in the county of Ashtabula, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Leavitt, of inhabitants of the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Crane, of inhabitants of the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Thomson, of inhabitants of the county of Columbiana, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Russel, of inhabitants of the town of Greenfield, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Russel presented a memorial of inhabitants of the county of Brown, in the State of Ohio, against any interference in the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day; which memorial was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Sprigg presented memorials of inhabitants of the county of Alleghany, in the State of Maryland, praying that provision may be made for the repair and preservation of the Cumberland road; which memorials were referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road.

On motion of Mr. Samuel A. Smith,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Jacob C. Van Artsdalen, a soldier of the revolution, on the pension list.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 89,) entitled "An act for the relief of William B. Matthews, trustee," reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a detailed report in writing.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Lawrence L. Van Kleeck, accompanied by a bill (No. 604) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Maria and Catharine Vrooman, heirs of Peter Deitz, deceased, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. De Witt, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Thomas Hopping and Joshua P. Frothingham, accompanied by a bill (No. 605) for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. De Witt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James Danley, and that it lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Crane,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Jane Findlay, Sally Staples, and Samuel Douthell, and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. McIntire from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Timothy Green; which was read, and laid on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Mallery, that the report made by the Committee on Manufactures on the 3d instant, upon the subject of the duty on salt, be printed.

A motion was made by Mr. Williams, that the said motion do lie on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	89,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	101.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, John S. Barbour, Daniel L. Battinger, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, David Crockett, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, James Findlay, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan

Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, Spencer Pettis, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, John Taliaferro, John Test, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—82.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, Peter I. Borst, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, John Campbell, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Robert P. Letcher, George Loyall, Rollin C. Mallary, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, Robert Monell, John M. Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Gershom Powers, William Ramsey, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, William Stanberry, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—101.

The question was then put to agree to the motion made by Mr. Mallary, And passed in the affirmative.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Jarvis on the 28th of January ultimo, that six thousand additional copies be printed of the report of the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to the distribution of the surplus revenue among the several States after the payment of the public debt;

And the question being put to agree to the said motion,

It passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	97,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	79.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Peter

I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, James Buchanan, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Timothy Childs, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Jonas Earll, jr., Isaac Finch, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Charles E. Haynes, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Gershom Powers, William Ramsey, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Jesse Speight, Philander Stephens, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, and Joel Yancey.—97.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Samuel Butman, Thomas Chilton, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr.; Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Philip Doddridge, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, Chauncey Forward, George Grennell, jr., James L. Hodges, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrle, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, William Stanberry, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.—79.

The resolution moved by Mr. Drayton on the 28th of January ultimo, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. Ellsworth on the 28th of January ultimo, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution moved by Mr. White, of New York, on the 28th of January ultimo, and laid on the table, for the printing of three thousand additional copies of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the expediency of repealing the 25th section of the act to establish the judicial courts of the United States, was read and considered; and



A motion was made by Mr. Doddridge, to amend the said resolution, by striking out "three thousand," and inserting "six thousand;"

And after debate thereon, the hour allotted by the rules for the consideration of reports and motions expired.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 439) granting pensions to certain persons therein named, be discharged from the consideration thereof.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting the information called for by the House on the 3d ultimo, in relation to the period at which the pensions of certain pensioners were made to commence, &c.; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, which was read, as follows:

WASHINGTON, 3d February, 1831.

I transmit to the House of Representatives a report from the Treasury Department, in compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 3d ultimo, calling for the correspondence in relation to locating a cession of lands made, or intended to be made, by the Pottawattamie tribe of Indians, for the benefit of the State of Indiana, &c. &c. &c.

ANDREW JACKSON.

*Ordered*, That the said message do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill of this House, (No. 481,) entitled "An act to provide hereafter for the payment of six thousand dollars annually to the Seneca Indians, and for other purposes," with amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House; the Senate have also passed a bill (No. 106) entitled "An act to extend the patent of Samuel Browning, for a further period of fourteen years," in which bill I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 528) making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Stanberry on the 12th of January ultimo, to amend the said bill in the manner set forth in the journal of the proceedings of that day;

And after further debate thereon,

The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1831.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 79,) entitled "An act for the relief of William Burris, of Mississippi," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Drayton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 102,) entitled "An act for the relief of Brevet Major Reily and Lieutenants Brook and Seawright," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Buchanan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 44,) entitled "An act to provide for the

legal adjudication and settlement of the claims to land therein mentioned," made a verbal report, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 66,) entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph S. Cannon," reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Cambreleng,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the petition of James Davis, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

On motion of Mr. Cambreleng,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the cases of Christopher Ellery, collector of Newport, in Rhode Island, of George Brown, surveyor of Westerly, in Rhode Island; and of David Lyon and Melancthon Swartwout, deputy collectors of the port of New York; and that they be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Sally Johnson; which was read, and laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Elliot, and that it lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Draper,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the trustees of Jefferson college, in the State of Pennsylvania, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Draper,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Dominique Richard, and that it lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. De Witt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Nicholas McCubbin, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions; also from the petition of Philip Slaughter, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of William Hoffman, a Canadian volunteer, accompanied by a bill (No. 606) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of the legal representatives of Dawson Hull and John Hull; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Drayton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petition of a convention of militia officers of the State of New York, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Militia.

On motion of Mr. Drayton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of the mayor, aldermen, and citizens of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, and that it lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Drayton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Benjamin S. Smoot, sutler to the 2d regiment of infantry, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, made a report on the petition of Samuel Patton, accompanied by a bill (No. 607) granting him a pension; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Washington, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill (No. 608) to extend the limits of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Buchanan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William A. Tennille; which was read. A motion was then made by Mr. Haynes, that the said report be committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report in favor of the prayer of the petitioner: when

A motion was made by Mr. Whittlesey, that the said report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow; which motion was agreed to by the House.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William W. Robertson, executor of John M. Robertson, deceased; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hunt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of inhabitants of the Crawfordsville land district, in the State of Indiana, for a change of location of the land office in said district, and that the said petitions be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 552) to authorize the President to change the location of certain land offices.

On motion of Mr. Dwight,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John T. Robertson, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Loyall, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (No. 609) making appropriations for building light-houses, beacons, and monuments, and for placing buoys; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 35. An act to authorize the transportation of merchandise by land or by water, with the benefit of debenture;

No. 47. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to quiet the titles of certain purchasers of land between the lines of Ludlow and Roberts, in the State of Ohio," approved the 26th May, 1830;

No. 105. An act for the relief of William Smith, administrator of John Taylor, deceased;

No. 17. An act authorizing the sale of a tract of land therein named;

No. 89. An act to amend the act granting certain relinquished and unappropriated lands to the State of Alabama, for the purpose of improving the

navigation of the Tennessee, Coosa, Cahawba, and Black Warrior rivers," approved the 23d of May, 1828; and found the said bills to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the commissioners of the sinking fund, detailing the measures adopted by the board subsequent to the last report, dated the 6th February, 1830; which report was laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting the information called for by the House on the 29th of January ultimo, in relation to the officers on duty with their regiments or companies, or exercising staff appointments, as, also, officers upon furlough; which letter was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 106,) entitled "An act to extend the patent of Samuel Browning for a further period of fourteen years," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of this House, (No. 590,) entitled "An act to repeal the charges imposed on passports and clearances." The Senate have also passed a bill (No. 142) entitled "An act respecting the jurisdiction of certain district courts;" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 528) making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Stanberry on the 12th January, to amend the said bill in the manner set forth in the journal of proceedings of that day: when

A motion was made by Mr. Pearce to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Stanberry, by adding the following proviso to the item in which the appropriation in question is contained, viz:

"*Provided*, That the time which any Minister shall absent himself from the country to which he is appointed, after having been received by the Government thereof, shall be deducted in computing his salary or yearly compensation."

The Speaker decided that it was not in order thus to amend the amendment moved by Mr. Stanberry: whereupon

Mr. Stanberry withdrew his said amendment, and moved, in lieu thereof, to amend the bill, by adding to the item making appropriations for the salaries of Ministers of the United States in foreign countries the proviso moved by Mr. Pearce, as above;

And after further debate,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Blair, of South Carolina, and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 78,  
Nays, . . . . . 101,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Willis Alston, John Anderson, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark,

Henry W. Conner, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Edmund Deberry, Charles G. De Witt, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, Joseph Duncan, Joshua Evans, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Joseph Fry, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, William Kennon, Perkins King, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, Allen Marr, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, John Scott, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, Joel B. Sutherland, John W. Taylor, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Starling Tucker, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Charles A. Wickliffe, and Joel Yancey.—78.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, Neyes Barber, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, Thomas T. Bouldin, James Buchanan, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Philip Doddridge, William Drayton, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, William McCoy, Charles F. Mercer, William T. Nuckolls, Dutée J. Pearce, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, Benedict I. Semmes, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Test, James Trezvant, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, James M. Wayne, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, and Ebenezer Young.—101.

A motion was then made by Mr. Dwight that the House do reconsider the vote on the question that the main question be put;

And on the question, Will the House reconsider the said vote?

It passed in the affirmative.

And then, by a vote of the House, Mr. Blair was permitted to withdraw his motion for the previous question.

The question then recurred on the amendment as proposed by Mr. Stanberry this day.

And after further debate,

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1831.

On motion of Mr. Varnum,

*Ordered*, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of inhabitants of the city of Washington, for widening F and G streets north, and that the said petition do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Varnum,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the names of Daniel Gray and Samuel Lancaster on the list of revolutionary pensioners.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported a bill (No. 610) supplementary to and to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," approved 2d March 1799; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, made a report on the petition of Jonah Garrison, accompanied by a bill (No. 611) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Trezvant,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of James Sykes, James Little, James Mitchell, and Ephraim Hunt, and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Iredell L. Phillips and others; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 80,) entitled "An act for the relief of James Sprague," made a verbal report, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. De Witt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of Thomas Cutts, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of De Garmo Jones, accompanied by a bill (No. 612) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 93,) entitled "An act for the relief of Duval and Carnes," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That that the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Lecompte,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the cases of Daniel McClelland and John McAndrew, and that they lie on the table.

Mr. Doddridge, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the memorial of the corporation of the city of Washington, reported a bill (No. 613) further to amend the act entitled "An act

to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington," passed 15th of May, 1820; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Doddridge,

*Ordered*, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William P. Bayly, and that it lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Library be discharged from the further consideration of the proposals of S. Converse, for publishing a stereotype edition of the laws of the United States, and that the said proposals be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the joint resolution directing a subscription for a stereotype edition of the laws of the United States, proposed to be published by Duff Green.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Library be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Moritz Fürst, and that it lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Library, to which was referred, on the 30th of December, a resolution proposing that certain reports made by the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures in the years 1802, 1803, and 1804, be printed for the use of the House, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the said resolution do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Library be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Elliot, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Everett, from the Committee on the Library, to which the subject was referred on the 5th instant, reported the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House cause to have preserved for each member of the House an extra copy, in good binding, of all the documents printed by order of either House at each future session of Congress.

This resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Howard, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (No. 614) for the improvement of certain harbors, and providing for surveys; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 509. An act to repeal the charges imposed on passports and clearances;

No. 515. An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to John Powell;

and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. White, of New York, on the 28th of January, for the printing of 3,000 additional copies of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the expediency of repealing the 25th section of the act to establish the judicial courts of the United States.

The question recurred on the amendment moved by Mr. Doddridge on the 7th instant, to strike out 3,000, and insert 6,000: when

Mr. White accepted the said amendment as a modification of his resolution.

And after further debate, the hour allotted by the rules for the consideration of reports and motions expired; and leave was given to introduce sundry resolutions, viz:

Mr. Wickliffe moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House the amount of each defalcation, and the names of the defaulters; the names and amount of each speculation upon the Treasury, or fraudulent use of the public money, by individuals in the employment of the Government; and the names of the person or persons concerned therein; the instances in which the public money has been misapplied, or diverted from the objects for which it was appropriated by Congress; and, also, the amount of improper allowances to officers, agents, or others in the public employment, made by any of the departments of the Government, the amount thereof, to whom allowed, since the 3d day of March, 1825.

On motion of Mr. Test,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of William Ricketts, of Indiana, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Spencer, of New York,

*Resolved*, That the estimate for the completion of certain improvements to the harbor of Dunkirk, in the State of New York, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Ingersoll moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to this House the report of the engineer appointed to examine the route of the Farmington, and Hampden and Hampshire canals.

On motion of Mr. Duncan,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of paying Joseph Thomas for a gun lost in the service of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Duncan,

*Resolved*, That a communication from Joseph L. Brackett, of Illinois, on the culture of hemp, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 142,) entitled "An act respecting the jurisdiction of certain district courts," was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 68,) entitled "An act to alter and amend an act to set apart and dispose of certain lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive;" when it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill (No. 607) entitled "An act granting a pension to Samuel Patton, a revolutionary soldier," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The amendment of the Senate to the bill (No. 481) entitled "An act to



provide hereafter for the payment of six thousand dollars annually to the Seneca tribe of Indians, and for other purposes," was read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 79,) entitled "An act for the relief of William Burris, of Mississippi;" and the amendment reported thereto from the Committee on Private Land Claims was read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 210) entitled "An act to establish a land office in the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes."

The fourth and last of the said amendments was then read, amended, and, as amended, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the amendment to the said fourth amendment.

On motion of Mr. Spencer, of New York,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 345) for promoting the growth and manufacture of silk, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 528) making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831.

The question recurred on the amendment moved by Mr. Stanberry on the 12th January, and as modified yesterday: when

A motion was made by Mr. Huntington to amend the said amendment, by striking out from the word "time" to the end thereof, and inserting the following, viz: "Shall be deducted in computing the salary or yearly compensation of any minister, during which he shall have absented himself from the country, by the Government of which he shall have been received, for objects not connected with the public service, and in pursuance of permission so to absent himself, given previous to the commencement of his mission, and in anticipation that such absence would be necessary"—so as to make said amendment read,

"*Provided*, That the time shall be deducted in computing the salary or yearly compensation of any minister, during which he shall have absented himself from the country, by the Government of which he shall have been received, for objects not connected with the public service, and in pursuance of permission so to absent himself, given previous to the commencement of his mission, and in anticipation that such absence would be necessary."

And after debate,

The previous question was called for by Mr. Tucker; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	111,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	70.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William Armstrong, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broad-

head, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Nicholas D. Coleman, Henry W. Conner, Robert Craig, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Jonas Earll, jr., Joshua Evans, James Findlay, James Ford, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., William W. Irvin, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, William Kennon, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Alem Marr, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, Abram Rencher, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, Philander Stephens, Joel B. Sutherland, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Joel Yancey.—111.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William G. Angel, William S. Archer, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Robert W. Barnwell, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, William Drayton, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Thomas F. Foster, George Grennell, jr. Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, James L. Hodges, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Robert P. Letcher, Henry C. Martindale, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, John Reed, Robert S. Rose, Benedict I. Semmes, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Lewis Williams, and Ebenezer Young.—70.

The said main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time forthwith.

The said bill was accordingly read a third time: when

A motion was made by Mr. Bates that it be recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means, with instructions;

And pending the question on this motion,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Sterigere; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 158,  
Nays, . . . . . 3.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Noyes Barber, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Dawsonport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsoy, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, Joshua Evans, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Alem Marr, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutse J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—158.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Isaac C. Bates, Henry C. Martindale, and Lewis Williams.—3.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dwight reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 336) for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States; which bill he was directed to report to the House with an amendment.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1831.

On motion of Mr. Hoffman,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 169) to provide for the more effectual execution of the ministerial duties of the Navy Department, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was re-committed the bill (No. 169) to provide for the more effectual execution of the ministerial duties of the Navy Department, reported an amendatory bill; which was read the first and second time, and the further consideration thereof was postponed until Monday, the 14th instant.

Mr. Taliaferro, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred, on the 31st ultimo, the memorial of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, reported a bill (No. 615) to revive and amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate a company for making a certain turnpike road in the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia;" which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Abraham Forbes, accompanied by a bill (No. 616) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Chapman; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hunt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the case of Samuel Taylor, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Buchanan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (No. 617) for the relief of Christopher Bechtler; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Young,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the cases of the heirs of Reuben Colbourn, and of Elizabeth Magruder, daughter of Rignal Hillary, and that they lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Young,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Jesse Perry and Charles Stevenson, and that the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. De Witt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Elizabeth Faylor, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Everett, from the Committee on the Library, which was instructed, on the 22d of December, to inquire into the expediency of ordering to be published the diplomatic correspondence of the United States, from the peace of 1783 to the organization of the Government after the adoption of the present constitution, reported a joint resolution relative to the diplomatic correspondence of the old confederation; which resolution was read the first time.

Mr. Everett, from the Committee on the Library, which was instructed, on the 30th December, to inquire into the expediency of purchasing a certain number of copies of Myer Moses's Collection of the Revenue Laws and Regulations of the United States, reported a bill (No. 618) for the purchase of certain books therein mentioned; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Everett, from the Committee on the Library, which was instructed, on the 5th instant, to inquire into the propriety of purchasing a certain number of copies of the Debates of the State Conventions on the adoption of the Federal Constitution; reported a bill (No. 619) making provision for the purchase of the debates on the adoption of the constitution; which bill was read the first and second time,

And on the question, Shall the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . .	64,
{ Nays, . . . . .	115.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Mordecai Bartley, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, Peter I. Borst, Samuel Butman, Timothy Childs, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard Coulter, Robert Craig, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, James Ford, John Gilmore, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Thomas H. Hughes, Jabez W. Huntington, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, Adam King, George G. Leiper, Henry C. Martindale, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, Spencer Pettis, James F. Randolph, John Reed, James Shields, Benedict L. Semmes, Ambrose Spencer, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, Elisha Whittlesey, Richard H. Wilde, and Ebenezer Young.—64.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, William Cahoon,

Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., Joshua Evans, James Findlay, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Jonathan Hunt, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Cave Johnson, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, William D. Martin, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, William T. Nuckolls, John M. Patton, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, James Richardson, John Roane, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—115.

*And so the said bill was rejected.*

Mr. Hemphill, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to internal improvement, made a report in detail upon the subject of internal improvement; which report was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

A motion was made by Mr. Vance that six thousand additional copies of the said report be printed for the use of the members of the House; which motion was laid on the table.

Mr. Buchanan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which the subject was referred on the 1st instant, reported a bill (No. 620) declaratory of the law concerning contempts of court; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Craig, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported a bill (No. 621) confirming an act of the Legislature of Virginia, relating to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, passed February 13, 1830; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Clay, by leave,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Hardy Doyal, presented March 8th, 1830, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Washington, by leave, presented a petition of the clerks employed in the office of the Commissioners of the Navy, praying for an increase of their salaries, respectively; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Cambreleng,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 520) allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported

into Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 79,) entitled "An act for the relief of William Burris, of Mississippi," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 142,) entitled "An act respecting the jurisdiction of certain district courts," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have concurred in the amendment of this House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (No. 210) entitled "An act to establish a land office in the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 517) to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, into and within the District of Columbia; and the bill having been amended,

A motion was made by Mr. Howard further to amend the said bill, by inserting, in line 37, the words "within the limits of the city of Washington;" which having been agreed to,

The said bill was then further amended; and it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 561) supplementary to an act entitled "An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers;" which bill he was directed to report to the House without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Semmes.

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the bill (No. 578) for the better organization of the militia in the District of Columbia, be postponed until Thursday, the 17th instant.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on

The bill (No. 564) to alter the bridge and draw over the Potomac river, in the District of Columbia;

The bill (No. 565) to provide for the appointment of commissioners to digest, prepare, and report to Congress, at the next session thereof, a code of statute law, civil and criminal, for the District of Columbia;

The bill (No. 608) to extend the limits of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia;

The bill (No. 613) further to amend the act entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington," passed May 15, 1820;

The bill (No. 224) for improving the avenue leading from the capitol to the executive offices;

The bill (No. 407) making appropriations for the public buildings, and for other purposes;

The bill from the Senate (No. 65) entitled "An act to incorporate St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum in the District of Columbia;"

And, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Drayton reported the said bills without amendment, except the last mentioned bill from the Senate, (No. 65,) to which he reported an amendment. And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1831.

Mr. Daniel, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 106,) entitled "An act to extend the patent of Samuel Browning for a further period of fourteen years," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 103,) entitled "An act for the relief of James Hogland," reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the same bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 90,) entitled "An act for the relief of George B. Dameron and William Howze, of Mississippi," reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. White, of New York, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (No. 623) authorizing the construction of naval hospitals at Charlestown, Massachusetts, Brooklyn, New York, and Pensacola; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, reported the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Martha Baily, administratrix of Theodorus Baily, deceased, James Thorn, for himself and Elias Mather, Sarah Anderson, administratrix, and Henry J. Anderson, administrator of Elbert Anderson, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims, for the purpose of correcting a mistake as to the surviving partner of Elias Mather, and as to the interest of James Thorn, as recognised by the commanding officers in 1813.

The said resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Braham; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Overall; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Trezvant,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Benjamin Conner, Liba Hayden, and John Taylor, of South Carolina, and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Everett, from the Committee on the Library, to which the subject was referred on the 28th of January, reported the following resolution; which was read, and agreed to by the House, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House cause to be prepared, under the direction of the Library Committee of the House, a digested index of the



executive papers, reports of committees, and other documents, from the commencement of the eighteenth to the close of the present Congress; the same to be printed for the use of the members.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the cases of Jacob Bosworth, John M. Fought, and Churchill Gibbs, and that they lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate concur in the amendment of this House to the bill (No. 79) entitled "An act for the relief of William Burris, of Mississippi." The Senate have passed the bill of this House, (No. 343,) entitled "An act making appropriations for the completion and support of the penitentiary in the District of Columbia," with amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Broadhead,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Benjamin Conner, from the consideration of which the Committee on Military Pensions was this day discharged, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. White, of New York, for printing six thousand additional copies of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the expediency of repealing the 25th section of the act to establish the judicial courts of the United States;

And, after further debate, the hour allotted by the rules for the consideration of reports and motions expired.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting—

A statement of contracts authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury during the year 1830;

A statement of contracts relative to light-houses, floating lights, beacons, buoys, stakeages, &c.;

A statement of payments made according to law at the Treasury of the United States, during the year 1830, for the discharge of miscellaneous claims not otherwise provided for;

A statement of contracts and purchases made by collectors for the revenue service during the year 1829;

A statement of the expenditures from the marine hospital fund, for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, during the year 1829.

*Ordered*, That the said letter do lie on the table.

II. A letter from the Secretary of War, stating that there is due the commissioner for surveying the route of the Cumberland road from Zanesville to the seat of Government of Missouri, a balance of \$265 85, for the payment of which it is necessary that an appropriation shall be made; which letter was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

III. A report from the Postmaster General "of the causes of the irregularity in the arrival of the eastern mail, to what the failure is owing, and what remedy can be provided to prevent the delay;" which report was read, and laid on the table.

IV. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a list of the names of the clerks employed in the General Post Office during the year 1830, with the compensation of each; which was read, and laid on the table.

V. A memorial of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Michigan, upon the subject of the production of silk, and praying that four townships of land may be granted to the Council of said Territory, to be appropriated

alone to the purposes necessary to promote the cultivation of the mulberry tree, and the production of silk; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

A motion was made by Mr. McDuffie that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the bill (No. 82) to compensate Susan Decatur, widow and legal representative of Captain Stephen Decatur, deceased, and others; And the question being put,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 102,  
Nays, . . . . . 80.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William S. Archer, Benedict Arnold, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, Peter I. Borst, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Clement C. Clay, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard Coulter, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Clement Dorsey, William Drayton, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Charles E. Haynes, Joseph Humphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, William Kennon, Pryor Lea, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Dupee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, Abram Rencher, Robert S. Rose, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, Starling Tucker, John Varnum, Gullian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, and Ephraim K. Wilson.—102.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chandler, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Henry Daniel, John Davis, Robert Desha, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, George Grennell, jr., Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magie, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCoy, Isaac Pier-

son, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, William Russel, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, William Stanberry, James Standefer, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, Elisha Whittlesey, Lewis Williams, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—80.

And, on motion of Mr. Hoffman, it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order for this day.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cambreleng reported the said bill with amendments.

The said amendments were read, and the two first thereof were concurred in by the House.

The question then recurred on concurring in the third amendment, viz:

From the end of the first section of the said bill, viz:

*“That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, as a full compensation and remuneration to Susan Decatur, widow and representative of the late Captain Stephen Decatur, the commander, and to the officers and crew of the United States schooner Intrepid, for the capture and destruction of the Tripolitan frigate, late the United States frigate Philadelphia, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be distributed among the officers and men according to the provisions of the prize act,”*

Strike out the following, “to be distributed among the officers and men according to the provisions of the prize act;”

And the question being put to agree to this amendment,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 97,  
Nays, . . . . . 68.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, John Anderson, John Bailey, Robert W. Barnwell, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Samuel P. Carson, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Robert Craig, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, William Drayton, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, Wilson Lumpkin, Alem Marr, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, James Shields,

Jeese Speight, John B. Sterigere, John Thomson, Starling Tucker, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, and Joel Yancey.—97.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, John Blair, William Cahoon, John Campbell, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, James Clark, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, Joseph Duncan, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Chauncey Forward, George Grennell, jr., Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, George Loyall, Chittenden Lyon, Rollin C. Mallary, Henry C. Martindale, Daniel H. Miller, John M. Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, John Reed, Abram Rencher, William Russel, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, Thomas H. Sill, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, Elisha Whittlesey, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—68.

Whereupon

The previous question was moved by Mr. Wilde; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, viz: Shall the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 81,  
  { Nays, . . . . . 89.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, Benedict Arnold, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Clement C. Clay, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard Coulter, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, William Drayton, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earl, jr., Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Pryor Lea, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, John Taliaferro, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Campbell

P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, and Ephraim K. Wilson.—81.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Thomas T. Bouldin, William Cahoon, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Robert Desha, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, Joseph Duncan, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Nathan Gaither, George Grennell, jr., Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrle, jr., William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, George Loyali, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCoy, Daniel H. Miller, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Piereson, William Ramsey, Abram Rencher, John Roane, William Russel, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, Henry R. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, Elisha Whittlesey, Lewis Williams, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—89.

*And so the said bill was rejected.*

A motion was then made by Mr. Doddridge that the House do reconsider the vote on the question, Shall the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And pending the question on this motion,

The House adjourned.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1831.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 17. An act authorizing the sale of a tract of land therein named;

No. 35. An act to authorize the transportation of merchandise by land or by water, with the benefit of debenture;

No. 47. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to quiet the titles of certain purchasers of land between the lines of Ludlow and Roberts, in the State of Ohio," approved the 26th of May, 1830;

No. 105. An act for the relief of William Smith, administrator of John Taylor, deceased;

No. 89. An act to amend the act granting "certain relinquished and unappropriated lands to the State of Alabama, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Tennessee, Coosa, Cahawba, and Black Warrior rivers," approved the 23d day of May, 1828;

No. 515. An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to John Powell;

No. 590. An act to repeal the charges imposed on passports and clearances;

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the case of Archibald Jackson, accompanied by a bill (No. 623) authorizing the Secretary of War to issue a warrant to Archibald Jackson for the bounty land due to James Gammons, a soldier of the late war; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Bever; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on the Territories, to which was referred the memorial of inhabitants of the city of Detroit, in the Territory of Michigan, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 624) respecting the city of Detroit; which bill was read the first and second time.

And then the House adjourned until Monday next.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1831.

Mr. Harvey presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire, praying that the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of New Hampshire, which are now holden at Exeter, may be hereafter held at Concord.

Mr. Noyes Barber presented a petition of Champlin Lester, of the State of Connecticut, jailor of the county of New London, in said State, praying to be paid for the support and maintenance of prisoners committed to his jail at the suit of the United States.

Mr. Cambreleng presented a petition of Henry Barbey, of the city of New York, a native of Switzerland, in Europe, stating that he arrived in this country in the year 1823, with the intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, but from inadvertence failed to adopt the necessary measures; and praying that an act may be passed for his naturalization.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hammons presented a petition of John Bachelder, of the State of New Hampshire;

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Mr. Halsey presented a petition of Israel Beach, a petition of Isaac Morse, a petition of Elihu Morse, a petition of Abraham Garrison, and a petition of Hugh Howell, all of the State of New York;

Mr. Condict presented a petition of Jarrett Stilwell, of the State of New Jersey;

Mr. Cooper presented a petition of Thomas Brooks, of the State of New Jersey;

Mr. Thomas Irwin presented a petition of Richard Burrows, of the State of Pennsylvania; praying, respectively, that their names may be placed on the pension list of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Martindale,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Benjamin Griffin, presented March 29, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Sutherland,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Frederick Burkart, presented March 3d, 1828, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Dudley presented a petition of Samuel Mabson, of the State of South Carolina;

Mr. Gaither presented a petition of Martin Durham, of the State of Kentucky;

Mr. Polk presented a petition of Isaac N. Hobson, of the State of Tennessee;

Mr. Findlay presented a petition of Ebenezer R. Hawley, of the State of Ohio;

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Mr. Crowninshield presented a petition of inhabitants of Gloucester, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that certain piers and buoys in Annisquam harbor, may be rebuilt and replaced.

Mr. Everett, of Vermont, presented a memorial of a convention of delegates from various towns in the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, praying that provision may be made for improving the navigation of Connecticut river.

Mr. Jennings presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Indiana, praying that provision may be made for improving the northwestern channel around the falls of the Ohio river.

Mr. Jennings presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, praying that provision may be made to render the Ohio river navigable at all seasons of the year, from Pittsburg to its mouth.

Mr. Hodges presented a petition of merchants, manufacturers, and other inhabitants of New Bedford, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that a drawback may be allowed on the exportation of nails made from imported iron, equal to the duty imposed on the iron.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Crowninshield presented a memorial of sundry claimants residing in Salem, Massachusetts, under the convention between the United States and Denmark, signed at Copenhagen on the 28th of March, 1830, upon the subject of adding to the amount to be paid to citizens of the United States under said convention the amount due to the claimants of the Danish brigantine Henrick; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Kent, in the county of Litchfield, in the State of Connecticut;

Mr. Thomas Irwin presented a petition of inhabitants of the States of Pennsylvania and Virginia;

Mr. Dudley presented a petition of inhabitants residing near Beatty's Bridge, in Hanover county, North Carolina;

Mr. Biddle presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Washington, in the county of Macomb, in the Territory of Michigan;

Mr. Biddle presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Shelby, in the county of Macomb, in the Territory of Michigan;

Mr. Biddle presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Ray, in the county of Macomb, in the Territory of Michigan;

Mr. Sterigere presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Montgomery, in the State of Pennsylvania; praying, respectively, for the establishment of post routes therein described.

Mr. Draper presented a petition of Augustus Oury, of the State of Virginia, postmaster at Abingdon, in that State, praying to be allowed additional compensation.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, presented memorials of inhabitants of the town of Plainfield, in the county of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire; of inhabitants of the town of Marlborough, in the county of Middlesex, in the State of Massachusetts; of inhabitants of the town of Stoneham, in the county of Middlesex, in the State of Massachusetts; of inhabitants of the town of Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts; also, a memorial of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, praying that the Indian tribes may be protected by the Government of the United States; which memorials were, severally, laid on the table.

Mr. Campbell P. White presented a memorial of inhabitants of the city of New York, praying that slavery in the District of Columbia may be abolished; which memorial was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Hemphill presented a petition of Gabriel Garresché, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, praying that a certain amount of duties which he has paid under the provisions of the tariff of duties adopted in the year 1828, may be refunded, having ordered the goods long previous to the adoption of said tariff, and the timely arrival of which was prevented by adverse winds.

Mr. Edward D. White presented a similar memorial from certain merchants residing in the city of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana;

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Halsey presented a petition of Hugh Howell, of the State of New York, praying to be paid for property taken from him for the use of the army of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Polk presented a petition of John Smith, of the State of Mississippi, praying to be paid for a horse lost in the military service of the United States, in the year 1814.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sutherland presented a petition of Garsed, Raines, and Company, manufacturers of twines, shoe thread, yarns for hair seating, boot webbing, patent floor cloths, carpets, &c. &c., all from flax, praying that the duties on such articles as they manufacture may be increased, or that the duty on flax may be reduced.



Mr. Sutherland presented a memorial of Henry Elwell, of the city of Philadelphia, against a reduction of the duty on imported iron.

*Ordered*, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Standefer,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John McClennahan, presented January 30, 1826, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Shields presented a petition of William Buck, of the State of Ohio, praying compensation for services rendered in the war of the revolution; which petition was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Edward D. White presented a memorial of the trustees of the congregation of the Roman Catholic church of St. John the Baptist, in the parish of St. John the Baptist, in the State of Louisiana, stating that the tract of land on which the buildings of said church are erected was granted to the congregation by the Spanish Government in 1790; that said title has been recently discovered to be defective; and that the congregation have been compelled to purchase the said land from the United States; and praying that the purchase money may be returned to the said congregation.

Mr. Boon presented memorials from inhabitants of the State of Indiana, praying that the land office in the Crawfordsville land district may be removed from Crawfordsville to Lafayette.

Mr. Duncan presented a resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, requesting that an additional quantity of twenty thousand acres of land may be granted for the use of the saline in Gallatin county; and that the said Legislature may then be authorized to make an absolute sale of the same.

Mr. Sevier presented a petition of David McClellan, of the Territory of Arkansas, praying permission to locate his claim to land in the manner specified in his petition.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions and resolution be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. McCreery presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that provision may be made for the repair and preservation of the Cumberland road between Cumberland and Wheeling; which petition was committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 292) for the repair and preservation of said road.

Mr. Overton presented a petition of Benjamin Bullitt, of the State of Louisiana, praying that his title to a certain tract of land therein described may be confirmed; which petition was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Jennings presented a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, relative to an appropriation of public land for the purpose of aiding said State in the improvement of the State road from Madison to Indianapolis; which resolution was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

The Speaker presented a petition of John Livingston, of the State of New York, praying for a pension; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

The Speaker presented a memorial of Gales and Seaton, printers in the city of Washington, praying for the patronage of the Government in the publication of a compilation of executive documents and legislative reports of Congress; which memorial was committed to the Committee of the Whole

House to which is committed the resolution authorizing a subscription to a stereotype edition of the laws of the United States, proposed to be published by Duff Green.

The Speaker presented a remonstrance and memorial of the representatives of the Creek nation of Indians, now in the city of Washington, complaining of the wrongs the said nation have received at the hands of white people; of the extension of the laws of the State of Alabama over said nation; and of the means resorted to to compel their removal to the west of the river Mississippi; and praying the protection of the Government of the United States, and the faithful observance of the treaties subsisting between said nation and the United States; also, that certain claims which said nation have against citizens of the United States may be placed in proper train of adjustment, which can only be done by legislative enactments.

The Speaker presented another memorial of the representatives of the Creek nation of Indians, now in the city of Washington, renewing the application and representations made to Congress some years ago by their agent, Colonel John Crowell, in relation to the disposal of the unexpended residuum of so much of the purchase money of their lands which was set apart to meet the liquidation of the claims of citizens of Georgia under the treaty at the Indian Springs, of the 8th January, 1821, and the agreement between the commissioners of Georgia and the chiefs of said nation; and praying that the said residuum may now be paid to said nation.

*Ordered*, That the said remonstrance and memorials be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dorsey presented a petition of Edward Pye, of the State of Maryland, praying that certain moneys paid by him to the United States, as surety of a certain Alexander Sangster, late a deputy postmaster, may be refunded to him, for reasons set forth in the petition; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. William W. Irvin presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Perry, Franklin, and Fairfield, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route; which petition was referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 420) to establish certain post routes, and to discontinue others.

Memorials praying Congress to repeal the act, passed at the last session of Congress, for an exchange of lands with certain Indian tribes, and for their removal and permanent settlement west of the Mississippi; also, that the Indians may be protected in the enjoyment of their lands, and in all the rights and privileges secured to them by treaties between the United States and the said Indians, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Dwight, of inhabitants of the town of Suffield, in the county of Berkshire, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Dwight, of other inhabitants of the county of Berkshire, in the State of Massachusetts, adopted at a county convention held at the town of Lenox, in said county.

By Mr. Horace Everett, of inhabitants of the county of Windsor, in the State of Vermont; of inhabitants of the town of Weathersfield, in said State.

By Mr. Grennell, of inhabitants, male and female, of the town of Hawley, in the county of Franklin, of the town of Hadley, in the county of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Richardson, of inhabitants of the towns of Kingston and Plympton, in the county of Plymouth.

By Mr. Bates, of inhabitants of the town of Amherst, in the county of Hampshire, and of the ladies of the town of Monson, in the county of Hampden, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Hunt, of inhabitants of the town of Dorset, in the county of Bennington, in the State of Vermont.

By Mr. Cahoon, of inhabitants of the town of St. Johnsbury, in the county of Caledonia, in the State of Vermont, and of inhabitants of other parts of said State.

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By Mr. Denny, of inhabitants of the city of Pittsburg and its vicinity, in the State of Pennsylvania.

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By Mr. Childs, of inhabitants of the town of Mount Morris, in the county of Livingston, and of the town of Mendon, in the county of Monroe, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Hemphill, of inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Memorials praying that the transportation of the mail on the Sabbath day may be prohibited, were presented, as follows, viz:

By Mr. McCreery, of inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Sill, of inhabitants of Mercer county, in the State of Pennsylvania.

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On motion of Mr. Cambreleng,

*Resolved*, That the letter of the Secretary of War relating to Fort Gansevoort be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and that they be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of War to dispose of the said fortress, together with the land conveyed to the United States by John Jacob Astor, of New York.

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Further proceedings in the said call were then dispensed with.

A motion was made by Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, that the said memorial be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, with instructions to report a bill making further provision for executing the laws of the United States on the subject of intercourse with the Indian tribes; and, also, for the faithful observance of the treaties between the United States and the said tribes.

And the said question being put,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Henry W. Conner, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isacks, Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, John



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The question was then stated to agree to the said motion;  
And after debate thereon,  
The House adjourned.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1831.

Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That this House will devote Wednesday next, the 16th instant, to the consideration of bills and reports on the subject of military pensions.

A motion was made by Mr. Speight that the said resolution do lie on the table; which motion was disagreed to by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Drayton that the consideration of the said resolution be postponed until Tuesday next.

The previous question was then moved by Mr. Taylor; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The question on the said resolution was then divided;

And on the question to agree to so much thereof as relates to *bills*,

It passed in the affirmative.

The question was then put to agree to so much thereof as relates to *reports*,

And was decided in the negative.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 104,) entitled "An act for the relief of John Gough, and other Canadian volunteers," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Ellsworth,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Henry Barbey, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Shields, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 79. An act for the relief of William Burris, of Mississippi;

No. 68. An act to alter and amend "An act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive;"

No. 142. An act respecting the jurisdiction of certain district courts;

No. 481. An act to provide hereafter for the payment of six thousand dollars annually to the Seneca Indians, and for other purposes;

No. 210. An act to establish a land office in the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes;  
and found the same to be truly enrolled: when  
The Speaker signed the said billa.

Mr. Buchanan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire, reported a bill (No. 625) to change the place of holding the circuit and district courts of the United States from Exeter to Concord, in the State of New Hampshire; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

A motion was made by Mr. Haynes that all business which may, by the rules of the House, interfere with the discussion of the motion made by Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, yesterday, for the reference to the Committee on Indian Affairs, with certain instructions, of the memorial from certain inhabitants of the State of Massachusetts, be suspended, and that the House proceed to the consideration of the said motion; which motion to suspend was disagreed to by the House.

Mr. McCoy, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the case of Sterling Johnson; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Miles King, and that the said petition do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Nancy Davis, Nancy Pearson, and of James Brownlee, and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Eaton; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Kenney; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee of Claims, reported a bill (No. 626) directing the settlement of the claim of Harris and Farrow; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. McIntire, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Samuel Dale, accompanied by a bill (No. 627) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Trezvant,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of William Draper, Samuel Capen, Ebenezer Withington, Elihu Pond, Micah Orcutt, Andrew Butterfoss, and Isaac Drew, and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Cambreleng,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Tryon, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (No. 628) for the relief of Alexander O. Brodie; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Lecompte moved that all business now before the House be suspended, and that the House do proceed to the consideration of his resolution in relation to the tenure of office of the Judges of the courts of the United States; which motion to suspend was disagreed to by the House.

Mr. Bockee, from the Committee on Military Pensions, made a report on the petition of Judith Thomas; accompanied by a bill (No. 629) for her relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Verplanck, from the committee appointed, on the 5th January, to inquire into the expediency of establishing assay offices within the gold districts of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, made a report, accompanied by a bill (No. 630) to establish assay offices of the United States' Mint in the gold districts of North Carolina and Georgia; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, of Georgia,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Robert L. Tait, a revolutionary soldier, now a citizen of Madison county, in the State of Georgia, on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to consider the expediency of making an appropriation for the purchase of three buoys, chains, and sinkers, and placing the same on the shoals at the inlets and "Horse Shoe shoal," near New inlet, at the Cape Fear river.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan,

*Resolved*, That the daily hour to which this House shall stand adjourned be eleven o'clock A. M. until otherwise ordered.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Doddridge on the 11th instant, that the House do reconsider the vote taken on that day on the question, Shall the bill (No. 82) to compensate Susan Decatur, widow and legal representative of Capt. Stephen Decatur, deceased, and others, be engrossed and read a third time?

And on the question, Will the House reconsider the said vote?

It passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	99,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	96.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Robert Allen, John Anderson, William S. Archer, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Tristram Burges, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Clement C. Clay, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H.

Halsey, Charles E. Haynes, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Thomas Irwin, Jacob C. Isaacks, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Pryor Lea, George G. Lelper, James Lent, Rollin C. Mallery, Alem Marr, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, Abram Rencher, Robert S. Rose, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Joel B. Sutherland, John Taliaferro, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, and Ephraim K. Wilson.—99.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Mordecai Bartley, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Thomas T. Bouldin, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chandler, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Henry Daniel, John Davis, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, Joseph Duncan, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Nathan Gaither, George Grennell, jr., Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., William W. Irvin, Jonathan Jennings, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCoy, Isaac Pierson, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, William Russel, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, James Standefer, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, Elisha Whittlesey, Lewis Williams, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—96.

A motion was then made that the House do also reconsider the vote taken on Friday last, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And on the question, Will the House reconsider the said vote?

It passed in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller to amend the said bill, by making the sum payable to Susan Decatur *twenty-one thousand dollars* instead of *thirty-one thousand dollars*, and by adding the following, viz:

To the nieces of Stephen Decatur, the daughters of his sister, Mrs. McKnight, ten thousand dollars, to be divided between them in equal proportions.

Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Hammons to amend the said amendment, by striking out these words, viz: "the daughters of his sister, Mrs. McKnight."

This motion was disagreed to by the House.



A motion was then made by Mr. Williams that the said bill be recommended to the Committee on Naval Affairs, with instructions to provide for distributing the money according to the provisions of the prize act;

And after debate thereon,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Potter; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, viz: Shall the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 90,  
Nays, . . . . . 100.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William S. Archer, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, Peter I. Borst, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Clement C. Clay, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Edmund Deberry, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, William Drayton, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, Jacob C. Isacks, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, Robert S. Rose, John Scott, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Joel B. Sutherland, John Taliaferro, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, and Ephraim K. Wilson.—90.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Boekee, Ratliff Boon, Thomas T. Bouldin, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chandler, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, George Grennell, jr., Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, William W. Irvin, Jonathan Jen-

nings, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCoy, Isaac Pierson, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, James Standefer, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Frezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, Sampel F. Vinton, Elisha Whittlesey, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—100.

*And so the said bill was again rejected.*

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Drayton reported that the committee had, according to order, had the State of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 523) to provide for the adjustment of claims of persons entitled to indemnification under the convention between the United States and his Majesty the King of Denmark, of the 28th March, 1830, and for the distribution among such claimants of the sums to be paid by the Danish Government to that of the United States, according to the stipulations of such convention, which bill he was directed to report to the House with amendments; which amendments were subsequently read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the bill (No. 624) respecting the city of Detroit, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 561. An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers;"

No. 517. An act to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, into and within the District of Columbia;

No. 615. An act to revive and amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate a company for making a certain turnpike road in the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia;"

No. 617. An act for the relief of Christopher Bechtler;

No. 616. An act for the relief of Abraham Forbes;

were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 343) entitled "An act making appropriations for the completion and support of the penitentiary in the District of Columbia," were read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 107. An act for the relief of Thomas Porter, of Indiana;

No. 112. An act to provide for the removal of certain Indians from the State of Missouri;

No. 113. An act to authorize the appointment of a subagent to the Winnebago Indians on Rock river;

No. 114. An act for the relief of Abner Slade;

No. 125. An act granting a quantity of land to the Territory of Arkansas, for the erection of a public building at the seat of Government of said Territory;

were, severally, read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 107. } To the Committee on Military Pensions;

No. 114. }

No. 112. } To the Committee on Indian Affairs;

No. 113. }

No. 125. To the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill of this House (No. 158) granting a quantity of land to the Territory of Arkansas, for the erection of a public building at the seat of Government of said Territory.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 43,) entitled "An act supplementary to an act, passed on the 31st of March, 1830, entitled 'An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the public sales of the lands of the United States.'"

On motion of Mr. Vance, the said bill was amended;

And a motion was made by Mr. Irvin, of Ohio, further to amend the said bill, by striking out the second section:

when a motion having been made to adjourn, when

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement exhibiting the amount of duties and drawbacks on the several articles imported into the United States, and re-exported therefrom, during the years 1827, 1828, and 1829; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the appropriations for the naval service of the United States for the year 1830, with a report upon the subject from the Second Comptroller of the Treasury; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

III. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting copies of all such accounts as have been settled in the office of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, and rendered for settlement by persons charged with the disbursement or application of money, goods, or effects, for the benefit of the Indians, from September 1, 1829, to September 1, 1830; also, a statement containing a list of the names of all persons to whom money, goods, or effects have been delivered within the same period, specifying the amount and object for which they were intended; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

IV. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting sundry reports in obedience to the order of the House of the 7th instant, requiring him to furnish the House with the several original reports or statements, or copies thereof, received by him, or transmitted to the Major General, relating to a resolution of the House at its last session, directing the Secretary of War to report whether any reduction in the number of officers in the army of the United States can be made without injury to the public service; which letter was read, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

V. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report in relation to the manner in which annuities due the Cherokee nation of Indians are paid;



prepared in obedience to the order of the House of the 7th instant; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

VI. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a communication from the commanding General of the army, accompanied by a petition from the officers at Fort Delaware, praying to be remunerated for losses of property sustained by them at the late fire at that fort; which letter was read, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

And then the House adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1831.

Mr. Drayton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which the subject was referred on the 14th instant, reported a bill (No. 681) to enable the Secretary of War to release the title of the United States to Fort Gansevoort, in the harbor of New York; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 76,) entitled "An act for the relief of John Daly, late of Canada," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill from the Senate, (No. 3,) entitled "An act for the relief of Simeon C. Whittier."

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Nancy B. Hickman, accompanied by a bill (No. 632) for the relief of the legal representative of William Hull; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred so much of the President's message as relates to the Navy, made a report on so much thereof as recommends an increase of the pay of the Navy, accompanied by a bill (No. 633) increasing the pay of captains and masters commandant in the Navy of the United States, and for other purposes; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McIntire, from the Committee of Claims, to which was recommended the report of the said committee, made on the 2d instant, on the memorial of Martha Baily and others, for the purpose of correcting certain errors therein, made a corrected report; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the petition of James McDowall, reported a bill (No. 634) for the relief of certain importers of foreign merchandise; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Sterigere,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the cases of Charles Everard, Nicholas Girod, and Jane Percy, and that they be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Trezvant,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Lyman Hall, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Sevier moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That this House will on Friday next, proceed to consider and dispose of such bills, in the order in which they stand on the calendar, as relate exclusively to territorial matters.

On motion of Mr. Cambreleng,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, to which is committed the bill (No. 376) to regulate the foreign and coasting trade on the northern and northwestern frontiers of the United States, and for other purposes, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Commerce.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. White, of New York, for the printing of six thousand additional copies of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the expediency of repealing the 25th section of the act to establish the judicial courts of the United States;

And after further debate thereon, the hour allotted by the rules for the consideration of reports and motions expired.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 439) granting pensions to certain persons therein named; and the said bill having been amended, it was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Letcher reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 567) supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolution; which bill he was directed to report to the House with sundry amendments.

The said amendments were then concurred in by the House: when

A motion being made by Mr. McCreery further to amend said bill,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Doddridge; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, viz: Shall the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 126,  
Nays, . . . . . 43.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William G. Angel, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, Ratliff Boon, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Edward B. Dudley,

Joseph Duncan, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, George Grennell, jr., Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, William McCrery, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Richard Spencer, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Starling Tucker, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—126.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, William Armstrong, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Boker, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, William F. Gordon, Charles E. Haynes, Benjamin C. Howard, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, George McDuffie, William T. Nuckolls, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, Jesse Speight, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, James M. Wayne, and Charles A. Wickliffe.—43.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on bills of the following titles:

- No. 362. A bill for the relief of William Gallop;
- No. 327. A bill for the relief of James Soyers;
- No. 390. A bill for the relief of John Kairne, John Waggoner, James Spann, and Abijah Ring;
- No. 451. A bill for the relief of John Boone;
- No. 454. A bill for the relief of certain revolutionary and invalid soldiers therein mentioned;
- No. 452. A bill for the benefit of Bartholomew Delapierre;
- No. 453. A bill for the benefit of John Berryhill;
- No. 468. A bill for the relief of David Kennard;
- No. 478. A bill granting pensions to Lester Morris and others;
- No. 491. A bill granting pensions to Jared Cone, Hezekiah Hines, and William Kinney;
- No. 490. A bill granting pensions to certain revolutionary soldiers;
- No. 489. A bill granting pensions to Elisha James and Nathaniel Standish;

No. 499. A bill granting pensions to certain revolutionary and invalid soldiers and officers therein named;

No. 582. A bill for the relief of Humphrey Beckett, David Smith, and Jonathan Fogg;

No. 596. A bill for the benefit of Eli Smith;

No. 597. A bill for the relief of John R. Rappley;

No. 611. A bill for the relief of Jonah Garrison;

No. 629. A bill for the relief of Judith Thomas;

and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict reported the said bills without amendment, except the bill (No. 454) for the relief of certain revolutionary and invalid soldiers therein mentioned, to which he reported an amendment, which amendment was read, and agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Haynes, the said bill (No. 454) was further amended by inserting therein a provision in favor of William A. Tennille.

A motion was then made by Mr. Polk further to amend the said bill, by inserting therein a provision in favor of James Sykes; which motion was disagreed to by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Williams further to amend the said bill, by inserting therein a provision in favor of Jeremiah Crysell; which motion was disagreed to by the House.

It was then

*Ordered*, That each of the said bills be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary; which was read, and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I communicate to the House of Representatives, in compliance with their resolution of the 29th of January last, calling for information and papers respecting the seizure of American vessels by the naval forces of Portugal, forming the blockade of the island of Terceira, a report from the Secretary of State, which, with the documents accompanying it, contains the information in his Department upon that subject; and avail myself of the occasion further to inform the House of Representatives, that orders had, before the introduction of the resolution referred to, been given to fit out a ship of war for the more effectual protection of our commerce in that quarter.

ANDREW JACKSON.

*Ordered*, That the said message be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1831.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin have leave to be absent from the service of this House from to-morrow, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Pettis presented (by leave) a petition of citizens of the upper part of the State of Missouri, praying that a competent military escort may be ordered to accompany trading expeditions from Missouri to New Mexico,

throughout the whole route, going and returning; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Pettis also presented (by leave) a petition of inhabitants of the county of Saint Charles, in the State of Missouri, praying that an appropriation may be made for constructing the Cumberland road from Vandalia, in the State of Illinois, by way of Alton and St. Charles, to the city of Jefferson, in the State of Missouri; which petition was referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill from the Senate, (No. 100,) entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road through Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois."

Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 114,) entitled "An act for the relief of Abner Slade," made a report thereon, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Shields, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 343) entitled "An act making appropriations for the completion and support of the penitentiary in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Sterigere,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James White, and that it lie on the table.

The resolution moved by Mr. Sevier yesterday, and laid on the table, was read, considered, and modified to read as follows:

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, proceed to consider and dispose of such bills, in the order in which they may stand on the calendar, as relate exclusively to territorial matters;

And on the question to agree to said resolution, it was decided in the negative.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with copies of all accounts of expenditure of the appropriation of fifty thousand dollars for clearing out obstructions in the Savannah river below the city of Savannah, with copies of contracts made, and estimates handed in, to remove obstructions in the river, or to deepen the same, with the estimate of William C. Daniell and — Gill, Esq., for constructing a dam of oyster shells between Fig and Hutchinson's islands, the expenditures on account of the same, with a copy of the report of the United States' commissioners, made in July, 1830, as to the increased depth of water which had been obtained, with the evidence which accompanied the same, and copies of all correspondence relating to the past or future expenditures of said appropriation, or agency for disbursing the same, which may not have been already published; communicated in obedience to the order of the House of the 6th of January; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Drayton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 77) to provide for the organization of the Ordnance Department, be discharged, and that the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Sterigere,

*Ordered*, That the bill from the Senate, (No. 80,) for the relief of James Sprague, and the bill from the Senate, (No. 69,) for the relief of Samuel Coburn, of the State of Mississippi, be recommitted to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. White, of New York, for the printing of six thousand additional copies of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the expediency of repealing the 25th section of the act to establish the judicial courts of the United States;

And after further debate thereon, the hour allotted by the rules of the House for the consideration of resolutions and reports, expired.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 626. An act directing the settlement of the claim of Farrow and Harris;

No. 523. An act to provide for the adjustment of the claims of persons entitled to indemnification under the convention between the United States and his Majesty the King of Denmark, of the 28th March, 1830, and for the distribution among such claimants of the sums to be paid by the Danish Government to that of the United States, according to the stipulation of such convention;

No. 625. An act to change the place of holding the district and circuit courts of the United States from Exeter to Concord, in the State of New Hampshire;

No. 628. An act for the relief of Alexander Oswald Brodie;

No. 327. An act for the relief of James Soyers;

No. 362. An act for the relief of William Gallop;

No. 390. An act for the relief of John Kaime, John Waggoner, James Spann, and Abijah Ring;

No. 451. An act for the relief of John Boone;

No. 439. An act granting pensions to certain persons therein named;

No. 452. An act for the benefit of Bartholomew Delapierre, of the city of New York;

No. 453. An act for the benefit of John Berryhill, on account of military services;

No. 454. An act for the relief of certain revolutionary and invalid soldiers therein named;

No. 468. An act for the relief of David Kennard;

No. 478. An act granting pensions to Lester Morris, and others;

No. 469. An act granting pensions to Elisha James and Nathaniel Standish;

No. 490. An act granting pensions to certain revolutionary soldiers;

No. 491. An act granting pensions to Jared Cone, Hezekiah Hines, and William Kinney;

No. 499. An act granting pensions to certain revolutionary and invalid soldiers and officers therein named;

No. 582. An act for the relief of Humphrey Beckett, David Smith, and Jonathan Fogg;

No. 596. An act for the benefit of Eli Smith, a revolutionary soldier;

No. 597. An act for the relief of John R. Rappleye;

No. 611. An act for the relief of Jonah Garrison;

No. 629. An act for the relief of Judith Thomas;

No. 631. An act to enable the Secretary of War to release the title of the United States to fort Gansevoort, in the State of New York; were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

An engrossed bill, (No. 567,) entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolution," was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall the bill pass? when

A motion was made by Mr. Trezvant that the said bill be committed to the Committee of Ways and Means, with instructions to inquire and report to the House the amount which will probably be required annually to carry its provisions into effect, and the amount which probably would be annually required to carry the said bill into effect provided its provisions were restricted to those only who are in such reduced circumstances in life as to stand in need of assistance of the country for support; and further, to inquire and report whether the amount which may be required to carry the provisions of said bill into effect can be drawn from the Treasury without invading the sinking fund, and thereby postponing the payment of the public debt;

And after debate thereon,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Verplanck; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative, {	Yeas, . . . . .	120,
	Nays, . . . . .	66.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, Ratliff Boon, John Broadhead, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Timothy Childs, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Wil-

**liam B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, William L. Storrs, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—120.**

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Robert W. Barnwell, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Thomas T. Bouldin, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Charles E. Haynes, Benjamin C. Howard, Jacob C. Isaacks, Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, William D. Martin, William McCoy, George McDuffie, William T. Nuckolls, John M. Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, James Standefer, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, James M. Wayne, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, and Joel Yancey.—66.

The said main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

**And passed in the affirmative,**

{	Yeas, . . . . .	139,
{	Nays, . . . . .	52.

**The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,**

**Those who voted in the affirmative, are,**

Messrs. John Anderson, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, Ratliff Boon, John Broadhead, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Har-mar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Edward B. Dudley, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Rollin C. Mallary, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Menell.



Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rancher, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Richard Spencer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Starling Tucker, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—132.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Robert W. Barnwell, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, William F. Gordon, Charles E. Haynes, Benjamin C. Howard, Jacob C. Isaacks, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, William D. Martin, William McCoy, George McDuffie, William T. Nuckolls, John M. Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, Jesse Speight, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, James Standefer, James Trezvant, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, and Charles A. Wickliffe.—52.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Clay reported that the committee had, according to order, had under consideration bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 531. A bill making appropriations for the naval service of the United States for the year 1831;

No. 539. A bill making appropriations for the military service for the year 1831;

No. 545. A bill making appropriations for certain fortifications during the year 1831;

No. 559. A bill making appropriations for certain expenditures on account of the Engineer, Ordnance, and Quartermaster's Departments;

No. 560. A bill making appropriations for the Indian Department for the year 1831;

No. 566. A bill making additional appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors, and removing obstructions in the mouths of certain rivers;

No. 584. A bill making appropriations for carrying on certain roads and works of internal improvement, and providing for surveys;

which several bills he reported to the House, with amendments to each.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1831.

Mr. Clay, by leave, presented a petition of George Mason, of the State of Alabama, praying that the Commissioner of the General Land Office

may be directed to issue him a patent for a tract of land purchased of the United States, as he contends that full payment has been made for said land; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Thomas Belden; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Richard Pool; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 11,) entitled "An act for the relief of George Johnson," reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. McIntire, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Joseph Bogy, accompanied by a bill (No. 635) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Gilmore, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of J. P. and E. B. Penny, of the city of Mexico, accompanied by a bill (No. 636) for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported a bill (No. 637) declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, and to authorize the States of Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, to take charge of the United States' road within their several States; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the message of the President of the United States on the subject, reported a bill (No. 638) to adjust the Fourth Auditor's books; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the subject of the navy pension fund, accompanied by a bill (No. 639) respecting the navy pension fund, and certain pensions chargeable thereon; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Carson, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of George J. Knight, accompanied by a bill (No. 640) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was re-committed the bill (No. 520) allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, reported an amendatory bill; which was read the first and second time; and

The question was stated, Shall the bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And after debate thereon,

The hour allotted by the rules of the House for the consideration of reports and motions expired.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 50,) entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to make compensation to the heirs of Taliaferro Livingston and Thomas W. Armstrong, for the maintenance of fifteen Africans illegally imported into the United States."

The question was stated, Shall the said bill be read a third time? when a motion was made by Mr. Whittlesey that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Wednesday next; which motion was agreed to by the House.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 602) for the relief of Clarissa B. Harrison; when it was,

On motion of Mr. Wickliffe,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Public Lands, with instruction to report a bill allowing the equitable credits to which John C. Symmes Harrison, deceased, late Receiver of the land office at Vincennes, may be entitled, to give time to pay the debt, with the consent of the securities, to stay the proceedings.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill (No. 7) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of General Moses Hazen, deceased," in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Whittlesey, by leave, moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to transmit to this House all the papers in his Department in any manner relating to the capture and detention of several negroes on board of vessels Constitution, Louisa, and Maraino.

The rule requiring this resolution to lay on the table one day was dispensed with by unanimous consent, and the resolution was then agreed to by the House.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 531) making appropriations for the naval service of the United States for the year 1831; and the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House being read, were concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 529) making appropriations for the military service for the year 1831; and the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House, being read, were concurred in by the House, with the exception of the last one, to which the House disagreed.

Mr. Drayton moved to amend the following item, viz: "For armament of fortifications *one* hundred thousand dollars," by striking out "*one*" and inserting "two;"

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 69,  
Nays, . . . . . 91.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, John Anderson, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng,

Samuel P. Carson, Timothy Childs, Richard Coke, jr., Henry B. Cowles, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Clement Dorsey, William Drayton, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Joseph Hemphill, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Peter Ihrie, jr., Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Perkins King, Pryor Lea, James Lent, George Loyall, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, James F. Randolph, Benedict I. Semmes, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—69.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, Noyes Barber, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Thomas T. Bouldin, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Lewis Condict, Joseph H. Crane, David Crockett, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., Joshua Evans, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jonathan Jennings, Kensey Johns, jr., Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Henry G. Lamar, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Alem Marr, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Daniel H. Miller, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Reed, Abram Rencher, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, William Stanberry, John Taliaferro, John Test, Phineas L. Tracy, Starling Tucker, Elisha Whittlesey, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—91.

The said bill was then further amended, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 566) making additional appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors, and removing obstructions in the mouths of certain rivers; and the amendments reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House being read, were concurred in by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Jennings that the said bill be recommended to the Committee of the Whole House; which motion was disagreed to;

And the question was put, Shall the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	113,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	45.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellaworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, John Reed, Abram Rencher, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, John B. Sterigere, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—113.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, John Blair, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Robert DeSha, William Drayton, Jonas Earll, jr., Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Charles E. Haynes, Michael Hoffman, Jonathan Jennings, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, William McCoy, William T. Nuckolls, John M. Patton, James H. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, James Standefer, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, James M. Wayne, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, and Lewis Williams.—45.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 545) making appropriations for certain fortifications for the year 1831; and the amendments reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union were read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.  
And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1831.

A call of the House being ordered, the roll was called over by the Clerk, and the following named members answered to their names, viz:

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, John Broadhead, James Buchanan, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Richard M. Cooper, Robert Craig, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Thomas Davenport, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Clement Dorsey, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Henry H. Gurley, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Charles E. Haynes, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Jabez W. Huntington, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Henry C. Martindale, William McCreery, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, and Joel Yanney. —120.

Further proceedings in the call were then dispensed with.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 520) allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places: when it was

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Wednesday next.

Mr. Drayton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the memorial of certain citizens of the State of Missouri, engaged in trade with the provinces of New Mexico; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the case of the legal representatives of Antoine Bonnel, accompanied by a bill (No. 641) for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

A motion was made by Mr. Buchanan that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, to which is committed the bill (No. 630)

declaratory of the law concerning contempts of courts, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and pending this motion, the hour allotted by the rules for the consideration of reports and motions expired.

Engrossed bills, of the following titles, viz:

No. 581. An act making appropriations for the naval service of the United States for the year 1831;

No. 539. An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1831;

No. 545. An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States during the year 1831;

No. 638. An act to adjust the Fourth Auditor's books; were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

An engrossed bill (No. 566) entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors, and removing obstructions in the mouths of certain rivers," was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall the bill pass?

And after debate thereon,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Whittlesey; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative, 

Yeas, . . . . .	136.
Nays, . . . . .	53.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Elias Brown, Tristram Burgee, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Thomas Chandler, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Clement Dorsey, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Rollin C. Mallery, Alem Marr, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery,

George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, Dutes J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, William L. Storrs, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—136.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, John Blair, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Jonas Earll, jr., Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Charles E. Haynes, Michael Hoffman, Jonathan Jennings, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, William McCoy, William T. Nuckolls, John M. Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, John Roane, John Scott, James Standefer, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, James M. Wayne, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, and Lewis Williams.—58.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary; which was read, and is as follows:

WASHINGTON, February 19, 1831.

*To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

I present for the consideration of Congress a report from the Secretary of War, relative to a compromise of title of the island on which fort Delaware has been constructed.

ANDREW JACKSON.

*Ordered*, That said message be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the First Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting—

*First.* A list of balances on the books of the revenue, which have remained unsettled by Collectors of the customs and others, or appear to have been due more than three years prior to 30th September, 1830;

*Second.* A similar list in relation to Receivers of public moneys for land sold;

*Third and fourth.* Similar lists in relation to collectors of internal revenue and direct taxes;

which letter and lists were laid on the table.



The Speaker laid before the House a letter from William A. Davis, printer, in the city of Washington, containing proposals for furnishing the United States with five hundred or with one thousand copies of complete sets of the laws of the United States; which letter was referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the joint resolution authorizing a subscription to a stereotype edition of the laws of the United States, proposed to be published by Duff Green.

Mr. Shields, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 79. An act for the relief of William Burris, of Mississippi.

No. 68. An act to alter and amend "An act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive;"

No. 148. An act respecting the jurisdiction of certain district courts.

No. 210. An act to establish a land office in the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes.

No. 481. An act to provide hereafter for the payment of six thousand dollars annually to the Seneca Indians, and for other purposes.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 564) to alter the bridge and draw over the Potomac river, in the District of Columbia: when it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 267. A bill for the relief of James McCarty;

No. 268. A bill authorizing the Fourth Auditor to examine into and report upon certain claims of Gates Hoyt against the United States;

No. 269. A bill for the relief of Edward Lee;

No. 277. A bill for the relief of Stephen Hook;

No. 283. A bill for the relief of Captain Thomas Payne;

No. 284. A bill providing for the relief of Matthew Flournoy and R. J. Ward, of the State of Mississippi;

No. 286. A bill for the relief of William T. Carroll, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States;

No. 425. A bill for the relief of the representatives of Anthony Foreman; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, reported the said bills without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be engrossed, and severally read a third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 288. A bill for the relief of Samuel Watson and George Hoppas;

No. 289. A bill for the relief of the widow and heirs of Joseph Hulse;

No. 291. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Nicholas Hart, deceased;

No. 295. A bill for the relief of Edmund Brooke;

No. 298. A bill for the relief of the citizens of Shawneetown;

No. 300. A bill to remit the duties upon certain articles imported for the use of the theological seminary and Kenyon college, in Ohio;

No. 302. A bill for the relief of Eleanor Courts, widow of Richard Henley Courts, deceased;

No. 396. A bill for the relief of Benedict Joseph Flaget; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wilde reported the said bills without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be engrossed, and severally read a third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 303. A bill for the relief of Timothy Risley;

No. 306. A bill for the relief of John Bruce, administrator of Philip Bush;

No. 307. A bill for the relief of Peter Barge, jr., Stephen Norton, and Hiram Wolverton;

No. 308. A bill for the relief of William D. King, James Daviess, and Garland Lincicum;

No. 309. A bill for the relief of the sureties of George Brown, deceased, late Collector of internal duties;

No. 310. A bill for the relief of the personal representatives of Colonel John Laurens;

No. 312. A bill for the relief of James Gibbon;

No. 522. A bill for the relief of the sureties of Amos Edwards; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Miller reported the said bills without amendment.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

No. 33. An act to authorize the inhabitants of the State of Louisiana to enter the back lands;

No. 137. An act to create the office of Surveyor of the public lands for the State of Louisiana;

Resolution in relation to certain evidences to be admitted by the several Executive Departments in the adjudication of all claims under any act of Congress of the United States;

in which bills and resolution I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 314. A bill for the relief of John F. Girod;

No. 316. A bill for the relief of John Frugé;

No. 318. A bill for the relief of Antoine Dequindre, Richard Smyth, and others;

No. 319. A bill for the relief of Eliakim Crosby;

No. 322. A bill for the relief of John Heard, jr., surviving assignee of Amasa Davis, jr.;

No. 323. A bill for the relief of the heirs and representatives of John Campbell;

No. 328. A bill for the relief of Richard G. Morris;

No. 333. A bill for the relief of John Knight;

No. 337. A bill for the relief of Robert A. Forsyth;

No. 431. A bill for the relief of William Clower; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the said bills without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be engrossed, and severally read a third time on Monday next.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, viz:

No. 33. An act to authorize the inhabitants of the State of Louisiana to enter the back lands;

No. 137. An act to create the office of Surveyor of the public lands for the State of Louisiana; were, severally, read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The resolution from the Senate in relation to certain evidences to be admitted by the several Executive Departments in the adjudication of all claims under any act of Congress of the United States, was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1831.

Memorials praying Congress to repeal the act passed at the last session of Congress, providing for an exchange of lands with certain Indian tribes, and for their removal and permanent settlement west of the river Mississippi; and, also, that the Indians may be protected in the possession of their lands, and in the enjoyment of all rights secured to them by treaties entered into between said Indians and the United States, were, severally, presented as follows, viz:

By Mr. Crowninshield, of inhabitants of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Grennell, of inhabitants of the town of Colerain, in the county of Franklin, and of the town of Williamsburg, in the county of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. John Davis, of inhabitants of the towns of Hardwick and Ward, in the county of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Bates, of inhabitants of the towns of Springfield and Westfield, in the county of Hampden, of the town of East Hampton, in the county of Hampshire, and of the town of Hinsdale, in the county of Berkshire, all in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Edward Everett, of inhabitants of Byfield parish, in the county of Essex, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. William L. Storrs, of inhabitants of the town of Southington, in the State of Connecticut.

By Mr. Ingersoll, of inhabitants of the town of Greenwich, in the State of Connecticut.

By Mr. Huntington, of inhabitants of the county of Litchfield, in the State of Connecticut.

By Mr. Beekman, of inhabitants of the township of Smithfield, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Horace Everett, of inhabitants of Hartford, in the county of Windsor, in the State of Vermont.

By Mr. Angel, of inhabitants of the town of Exeter, in the county of Otsego, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Hawkins, of inhabitants of the town of Potsdam, in the county of St. Lawrence, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Pierson, of inhabitants of the town of Orange, in the county of Essex, in the State of New Jersey.

By Mr. Childs, of inhabitants of the township of Henrietta, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Sutherland, of inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Miller, of inhabitants of the counties of Philadelphia and Montgomery, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Doddridge, of inhabitants of the town of Wheeling, in the State of Virginia.

By Mr. Whittlesey, of inhabitants of the town of Huntsburg, in the county of Geauga, of the towns of Windham, Attwater, and Charleston, in the county of Portage, and of the town of Youngstown, in the county of Trumbull, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Ramsey, of inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Jarvis presented a memorial of inhabitants of the town of Surry, in the State of Maine, praying that means may be devised, and measures adopted, for the removal of the Indians now residing east of the river Mississippi to the west of that river, and for their protection, as the means best calculated to preserve the race of red men; which memorial was also referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Memorials praying Congress to pass an act prohibiting the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day, were, severally, presented, as follows:

By Mr. John Davis, of inhabitants of the town of Hardwick, in the county of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Eager, of inhabitants of the county of Orange, in the State of New York.

By Mr. McCreery, of inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Sill, of inhabitants of the county of Mercer, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Denny, of inhabitants of the county of Alleghany, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. John Thomson, of inhabitants of the township of St. Clair, in the county of Columbiana, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Whittlesey, of inhabitants of the town of Charleston, in the county of Portage, and of the town of Youngstown, in the county of Trumbull, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Memorials praying Congress to pass no law respecting the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day, were, severally, presented, as follows:

By Mr. Leavitt, of inhabitants of the county of Jefferson, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, of inhabitants of the townships of Brimfield, Charleston, Randolph, Shalersville, Streetsborough, Austintown, and Ravenna, in the county of Portage, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Russel, of inhabitants of the county of Brown, in the State of Ohio.  
By Mr. Shields, of inhabitants of the county of Butler, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Whittlesey, of inhabitants of the county of Geauga, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Baylor, of inhabitants of the State of Alabama.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Findlay presented a memorial of inhabitants of the State of Ohio, being Jews, of the seed of Abraham, to whom the promises and laws were given by the dispensation of angels, in behalf of themselves and such of the twelve tribes of Israel as are now, or who shall hereafter, by the blessing of God, become citizens of the United States, praying that the transportation of the mail on the seventh day, being Saturday, and the Sabbath ordained by the command of Almighty God, and inscribed by him on the tables of the divine law delivered to Moses, may be prohibited; which memorial was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Mallary presented a petition of Elias Hall, of the State of Vermont;

Mr. Halsey presented a petition of John Percival, and a petition of Elihu Grant, both of the State of New York;

Mr. De Witt presented a petition of Simeon Helme, of the State of New York;

Mr. McCreery presented a petition of Henry McKee, of the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Dorsey presented a petition of Francis Clements, of the State of Maryland;

Mr. Holland presented a petition of Isaiah Foss, of the State of Maine;

Mr. Hunt presented a petition of Benjamin Grover, of the State of Vermont;

praying that their names, respectively, may be placed on the pens i of the United States.

Mr. Strong presented a petition of Roswell Woodworth, of the State of New York, praying to be paid the arrearage of pension to which he conceives himself entitled.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Sutherland,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Edward P. Cook, presented March 15, 1830, be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Crowninshield presented a petition of William Plympton, of the State of Massachusetts, praying to be paid for a quantity of gin, which, he alleges, was seized, condemned, and sold, contrary to law, for the benefit of the United States, in the year 1822.

Mr. Spencer, of New York, presented a petition of masters and owners of vessels navigating the Hudson river, and other citizens of Albany, in the State of New York, praying that a light-house may be erected at the point of Esopus Meadows, instead of the place called the "Roundout," or Esopus creek.

Mr. Sutherland presented a petition of ship owners and others engaged in mercantile pursuits in the city of Philadelphia, praying that a light-house may be erected on either of the points immediately at the entrance of the

northwest branch of the Patapsco river, in the State of Maryland; and that all vessels navigating the waters of the Chesapeake and Delaware bays may be required to carry lights after sunset.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of inhabitants of the towns of Randolph, Braintree, Brookfield, Roxbury, and Northfield, in the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Earll presented a petition of inhabitants of the town of Granby, in the county of Oswego, and of the town of Lysander, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York;

Mr. Maxwell, of Virginia, presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Logan, in the State of Virginia;

praying, respectively, for the establishment of post routes therein described.

Mr. Coke presented a petition of Matthew W. Mountfort, of the State of Virginia, praying to be released from the payment of a judgment recovered by the Post Office Department against him, for the reasons set forth in his petition.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sutherland presented a petition of merchants of Philadelphia, dealers in salt, praying that the difference between the duty now charged on salt; and that which was paid on salt remaining on hand at the time of the reduction of duty on that article; may be refunded, to them; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sill presented a petition of Daniel Harper, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for services rendered in the naval service of the United States in the war of the revolution; which petition was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Hemphill presented a petition of Samuel Withington, and Eunice his wife, representatives of Joseph Blake, an officer in the army of the United States, praying for a grant of the bounty in land to which the said Blake was entitled.

Mr. Ford presented a petition of William Clark, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for services rendered as a soldier in the army of the revolution.

Mr. Foster presented a petition of James Hooper, of the State of Georgia, praying to be paid for a wagon and horses impressed into the service of the United States in the war of the revolution, and which were captured by the British forces at Gates's defeat in South Carolina.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Mallary presented a petition of E. B. Oakley and W. H. Oakley, of the city of New York, manufacturers of cap wire, praying that the duty on the raw materials used in their business may be reduced.

Mr. Sutherland presented a petition of inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, engaged in the manufacture of iron, and of those friendly to the protection of it in this country, praying that the duty imposed on iron imported into the United States may not be reduced.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of other inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, a copy of that last presented by Mr. Sutherland.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Denny,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John Core, presented January 11, 1817, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Polk presented a petition of John W. Perry, of the State of Tennessee, praying for a grant of a small portion of the public land, to enable him to maintain his family, his wife producing three sons at a birth.

Mr. Duncan presented a resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, requesting Congress to appropriate one additional section of land in each township for the purposes of education.

Mr. Pettis presented a petition of inhabitants of Wayne county, in the State of Missouri, praying for donations of public lands in consideration of losses sustained by depredations of the Delaware tribe of Indians.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Duncan,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William A. Fleming, presented February 22, 1830, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Duncan presented a resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, giving the consent of that State to the passage of the Cumberland road through the said State, and requesting that the said road may be so located as to pass through the town of Alton; which resolution was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Overton presented a petition of Bernard Leonard and Jacob Black, of the State of Louisiana, praying that their claims to certain lands therein described may be confirmed; which petition was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communications, viz:

WASHINGTON, February 21, 1831.

SIR: I have received notice that I am appointed to a judicial office in the State of New York, and therefore resign my seat as a member of the twenty-first Congress. You will be pleased to give notice of my resignation to the honorable body over which you preside:

With perfect esteem, &c.

ROBERT MONELL.

To the Hon. ANDREW STEVENSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WASHINGTON, February 21, 1831.

SIR: I beg leave to communicate my resignation of the seat I hold as Delegate from the Territory of Michigan in the twenty-first Congress.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

JOHN BIDDLE.

Hon. ANDREW STEVENSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Ordered*, That these communications do lie on the table.

Mr. Barges presented a memorial of merchants of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, setting forth that the duties imposed in the Spanish island of Cuba upon American ships and cargoes are so disproportionate to those which are levied upon Spanish ships and cargoes entering the ports of the United States, that, if continued, they will give the carrying trade between Cuba and the United States exclusively to Spanish vessels; and that the duties upon American rice in the kingdom of Portugal and its dependencies are so high as to amount to a prohibition, notwithstanding a recent reduction of the duties upon Madeira and other Portuguese wines imported into the United States: the memorialists, therefore, pray Congress to adopt such measures as may be deemed most expedient to remedy the evils complained of; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Young,

*Ordered*, That the case of Elizabeth Magruder, daughter of Rignal Hilary, be recommitted to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Coke moved the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy be required to furnish to this House, as soon as may be practicable, the names of all *commissioned officers*, now of the navy, who have applied for pensions on account of wounds received in battle during the late war with England; designating such as have been admitted on the pension roll, the amount of pension in each case granted; designating, also, such officers, if any there be, whose claims or applications for pension may have been rejected, with the reasons in each case for such rejection.

The House resumed the consideration of the memorial from inhabitants of the town of Southampton, in the county of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts, presented by Mr. Edward Everett on the 7th instant.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Everett on the 14th instant, "that the said memorial be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, with instructions to report a bill making further provision for executing the laws of the United States on the subject of intercourse with the Indian tribes, and, also, for the faithful observance of the treaties between the United States and the said tribes;"

And after further discussion thereon, the debate was suspended:

And thereupon,

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 641. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Antoine Bonnabel;

No. 267. An act for the relief of James McCarty;

No. 268. An act authorizing the Fourth Auditor to examine into and report upon the claims of Gates Hoyt against the United States;

No. 269. An act for the relief of Edward Lee;

No. 277. An act for the relief of Stephen Hook;

No. 283. An act for the relief of Captain Thomas Payne;

No. 284. An act for the relief of Matthew Flournoy and R. J. Ward, of Mississippi;

No. 286. An act for the relief of William T. Carroll, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States;

No. 295. An act for the relief of the representatives of Anthony Foreman;

No. 288. An act for the relief of Samuel Watson and George Hoppas;



- No. 289. An act for the relief of the widow and heirs of Joseph Hulse;  
 No. 291. An act for the relief of the heirs of Nicholas Hart, deceased;  
 No. 295. An act for the relief of Edmund Brooke;  
 No. 298. An act for the relief of the citizens of Shawneetown;  
 No. 300. An act to remit the duties upon certain articles imported for the use of the theological seminary and Kenyon college in Ohio;  
 No. 302. An act for the relief of Eleanor Courts, widow of Richard Henley Courts, deceased;  
 No. 396. An act for the relief of Benedict Joseph Flaget;  
 No. 303. An act for the relief of Timothy Risley;  
 No. 306. An act for the relief of John Bruce, administrator of Philip Bush;  
 No. 307. An act for the relief of Peter Bargy, jr., Stephen Norton, and Hiram Wolverton;  
 No. 308. An act for the relief of William D. King, James Daviess, and Genland Lincecum;  
 No. 309. An act for the relief of the sureties of George Brown, deceased, late collector of internal duties;  
 No. 312. An act for the relief of James Gibbon;  
 No. 314. An act for the relief of John F. Girod;  
 No. 316. An act for the relief of John Frugé;  
 No. 318. An act for the relief of Antoine Dequindre, Richard Smyth, and others;  
 No. 319. An act for the relief of Eliakim Crosby;  
 No. 322. An act for the relief of John Heard, jr., surviving assignee of Amasa Davis, jr.;  
 No. 323. An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of John Campbell, of New York;  
 No. 328. An act for the relief of Richard G. Morris;  
 No. 333. An act for the relief of John Knight;  
 No. 337. An act for the relief of Robert A. Forsyth;  
 No. 431. An act for the relief of William Clower;  
 No. 564. An act to alter the bridge and draw over the river Potomac, in the District of Columbia;  
 were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills

The resolution from the Senate in relation to certain evidence to be admitted by the several Executive Departments in the adjudication of all claims under any act of Congress of the United States, was read the third time, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill (No. 634) entitled "An act for the relief of certain importers of foreign merchandise," was read the third time;

And the question was asked, Shall the said bill pass?

And after debate thereon;

The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1831.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 107,) entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Porter, of Indiana," made a verbal report thereon, recommending that the said bill be rejected,

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Pettis, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was recommitted the bill from the Senate, (No. 80,) entitled "An act for the relief of James Sprague," made a verbal report thereon, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Friday next.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was recommitted the bill from the Senate, (No. 69,) entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Coburn, of the State of Mississippi," reported the same with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hoffman,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Daniel Harper, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was recommitted the Bill (No. 602) for the relief of Clarissa B. Harrison, with certain instructions, reported the same with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in by the House: the bill was then further amended, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Augustine H. Shepperd, from the Committee on Expenditures in the Navy Department, made a report on the expenditures of that Department during the year 1830; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Dorsey submitted to the House a report from the Secretary of War to the Committee on Naval Affairs, accompanied by a statement of the sums paid to officers of the army on account of extra pay or compensation for the whole or any part of the year 1829; showing the amount to which each was entitled to in the line of the army, and the amount received for extra pay or compensation; which report was committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 633) increasing the pay of Captains and Masters Commandant in the navy of the United States.

Mr. Draper, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the case of Bast and Youce, reported a bill (No. 642) for the relief of John Bosseler, his heirs or assigns; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred, on the 4th January, a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting a report on certain land claims of John McDonough, reported a bill (No. 643) for the relief of said McDonough; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Wickliffe,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Daniel Sayre; also, the petition of inhabitants of the State of Ohio, upon the subject of an endowment of Ripley college; and that the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. White, of New York, from the committee appointed on the 23d of December "to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that dollars of the new American Governments, and five franc pieces, shall be a legal tender in the payment of all debts and demands, and, also, whether any additional regulations are necessary relative to the recoinage of foreign silver coin

at the Mint," made a report, accompanied by a bill (No. 644) regulating the value of certain foreign silver coins within the United States; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and three thousand additional copies of the said report and bill were ordered to be printed for the use of the members of the House.

Mr. White, of New York, from the said select committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 6,) entitled "An act concerning the gold coins of the United States," reported the same with amendments, accompanied by a detailed report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and that three thousand additional copies of the said report be printed for the use of the members of the House.

Mr. Verplanck, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 645) to carry into effect certain Indian treaties; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was re-committed the bill (No. 376) to regulate the foreign and coasting trade on the northern and northwestern frontiers of the United States, and for other purposes, reported the same with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House: the bill was then further amended; and it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Carson,

*Resolved*, That two thousand copies of the report of the select committee upon the establishment of assay offices in the gold region of the south, be printed for the use of the members of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, suggesting the expediency of making an appropriation towards the repair of fort Delaware, recently damaged by fire; which letter was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in obedience to the 10th section of the act of the 19th May, 1828, in alteration of the several acts imposing duties on imports, a copy of the instructions given by him to the collectors of the principal ports on the 5th and 9th of August, 1830, and to the appraisers at New York on the 30th of June, 1830; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

The Speaker presented a memorial of George Davis, of the city of New Orleans, late a surveyor of public lands south of Tennessee, complaining of wrongs done him in the judicial tribunals of the United States, and praying redress from Congress; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting the papers called for by the House on the 18th instant, relating to the capture and detention of several negroes on board the vessels Constitution, Louisa, and Mariane; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. White, of Florida, by leave, presented a petition of Theodore Owens, praying to be allowed additional compensation for taking the census of the southern judicial district of Florida; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

An engrossed bill (No. 639) respecting the navy pension fund, and certain pensions chargeable thereon, was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when

A motion was made by Mr. Sill that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs, with instructions to make provision for the widows and orphans of officers, seamen, and marines, in the naval service of the United States, who shall, at any time since the 18th day of June, 1812, have died, or shall hereafter die, of the yellow fever, contracted in the line of duty, and in the said service;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

An engrossed bill (No. 634) entitled "An act for the relief of certain importers of foreign merchandise," was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall the bill pass? when

The said bill was, by unanimous consent, amended;

And the question was then put, Shall the bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

An engrossed bill (No. 522) for the relief of the sureties of Amos Edwards, was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall the said bill pass? when it was

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

An engrossed bill (No. 310) entitled "An act for the relief of the personal representatives of Colonel John Laurens, deceased," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill (No. 523) entitled "An act to provide for the adjustment of claims of persons entitled to indemnification under the convention between the United States and his Majesty the King of Denmark, of the 28th March, 1830, and for the distribution among such claimants of the sum to be paid by the Danish Government to that of the United States, according to the stipulation of such convention;" the Senate have also passed the bill (No. 545) entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications during the year 1831," with amendments to the last mentioned bill; in which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 43,) entitled "An act supplementary to an act passed on the 31st March, 1830, entitled 'An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the public sales of lands of the United States.'"

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Irvin, of Ohio, on the 15th instant, to strike out the second section of the said bill: when

A motion was made by Mr. Hunt to amend the said second section; which motion being agreed to,

Mr. Irvin withdrew his said motion. It was then

*Ordered*, That the amendments to the said bill be engrossed, and that the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 63) for the erection of a national armory upon the western waters.

A motion was made, by Mr. Denny to amend the said bill by striking out the following words, viz: "select the site for a national armory upon the western waters,"

and inserting the following, viz: "a national armory upon the land belonging to the United States near Pittsburg, or upon any other site which he may select in its vicinity; or, if water power shall be preferred, then to select a site for the said armory at the falls of Big Beaver, in Pennsylvania."

The previous question was moved by Mr. Standefer, and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put,

And passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 79,  
Nays, . . . . . 70.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, Benedict Arnold, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, John Broadhead, James Buchanan, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Clement C. Clay, Nicholas D. Coleman, Richard Coulter, Robert Craig, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., John Davis, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, Innis Green, Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jonathan Jennings, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Chittenden Lyon, Henry C. Martindale, William McCreary, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, William Ramsey, Jonah Sanford, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, John Test, John Thomson, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. White, and Joel Yancey.—79.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, James Blair, Elias Brown, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Edmund Deberry, Edward B. Dudley, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Horace Everett, Thomas F. Foster, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Charles E. Haynes, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. How-

ard, Thomas H. Hughes, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, James Lent, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, George E. Mitchell, William T. Nuckolls, Isaac Pierson, Robert Potter, James F. Randolph, Abram Rencher, John Roane, William Russel, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, Samuel Swan, John W. Taylor, Phineas L. Tracy, Starling Tucker, James M. Wayne, Charles A. Wickliffe, Lewis Williams, and Ephraim K. Wilson.—70.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 336) for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States; and after further amendments had been made to the said bill, it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, viz:

*February 22, 1831.*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I transmit to Congress a letter from Mr. Rhind, stating the circumstances under which he received the four Arabian horses that were brought by him to the United States from Turkey. His letter will enable Congress to decide what ought to be done with them.

ANDREW JACKSON.

The said message and letter were read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the joint resolution directing a subscription for the stereotype edition of the laws of the United States proposed to be published by Duff Green, be discharged, and that the said resolution be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

*Ordered*, That the memorial of Gales and Seaton, upon the subject of a subscription to an edition of public documents which they propose to publish, be referred to the Committee on the Library.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1831.

Mr. Bell, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 112,) entitled "An act to provide for the removal of certain Indians from the State of Missouri," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Bell, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 113,) entitled "An act to authorize the ap-

pointment of a subagent to the Winnebago Indians on Rock river," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Donn; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Crawford, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Elizabeth Eaton, widow of General William Eaton, deceased; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. De Witt, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of James S. Campbell; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill (No. 119) further to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post Office Department," be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Internal Improvements be discharged from the further consideration of the inquiry into the expediency of making an appropriation for surveying the Delaware, Raritan, and Passaic rivers, with a view to their improvement for purposes of navigation; and that the Committee on Commerce be directed to make the said inquiry.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill (No. 637) declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, and to authorize the States of Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland to take charge of the United States road within their several limits; and that the further consideration of said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Archer,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorials of Philip Bessom, and of the heirs and representatives of Rambaud and Basmarin, (of France,) and that they lie on the table.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to which were referred sundry memorials of claimants under the late convention between the United States and his Majesty the King of Denmark, signed at Copenhagen on the 28th of March, 1830, in relation to the Danish brigantine *Henrick*, made an unfavorable report thereon; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Denny, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Constante Breau; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Sterigere,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of David Shower, senior, and others, of Tennessee, referred on the 17th December, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Young, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Sarah Easton and Dorothy Storer, accompanied by a bill (No. 646) for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Young,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Jonathan Coffin, Sarah Mahan, David Sanderson, and Robert Wilmot, and that they lie on the table.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of the legal representatives of David Dardin, deceased, accompanied by a bill (No. 647) for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the cases of James Ravens, the legal representatives of Caleb Lincoln, William R. Withers, and Alexander Williams, and that the said cases do lie on the table.

Mr. Sutherland, from the Committee on Commerce, made a report on the petition of James Marsh, accompanied by a bill (No. 648) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Varnum,

*Ordered*, That the select committee appointed on the memorial of Elisha Bigelow be discharged, and that the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Letcher, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which were referred memorials from inhabitants of the States of Ohio, Kentucky, and Missouri, praying that an appropriation may be made for the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio river, so as to render the same navigable at all seasons of the year, made a favorable report thereon; which was read, and laid on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. White, of New York, directing the printing of six thousand additional copies of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the expediency of repealing the 25th section of the act to establish the judicial courts of the United States;

And after further debate, the hour allotted by the rules of the House for the consideration of reports and motions expired.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating the correspondence had last year with the representative of the first district of Louisiana, relative to the public sales of land which took place at New Orleans in November last, with a copy of the record of the sales, called for by the House on the 14th instant; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication of John D'Homer-gue, upon the subject of the raising of mulberry trees and the production of silk; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 50,) entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make compensation to the heirs of Taliaferro Livingston and Francis W. Armstrong, for the maintenance of fifteen Africans illegally imported into the United States;"

And the question being put, Shall the said bill pass?

It passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:



No. 522. An act for the relief of the sureties of Amos Edwards;

No. 642. An act for the relief of John Bosseler, his heirs or assigns;

No. 602. An act for the relief of Clarissa B. Harrison;

No. 643. An act for the relief of John McDonough;

were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 43,) entitled "An act supplementary to an act passed on the 31st March, 1830, entitled 'An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the public sales of the lands of the United States,'" was read the third time, and passed as amended.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the amendments to the said bill.

An engrossed bill (No. 63) for the erection of a national armory on the western waters, was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall the bill pass? when

A motion was made by Mr. Lea that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, with instructions so to amend the same as that the said armory shall be located "as near the southeastern part of the Union as an eligible site can be had."

Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Wickliffe to amend the said motion to recommit, by striking out the amendment proposed by Mr. Lea, and so to amend the said bill as that the President shall submit to this House the place which he may select as the site of the said armory, for the final ratification of Congress;

And after debate thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Vance that the said bill do lie on the table;

And the question being put,

It passed in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill, (No. 336,) entitled "An act for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States," was read the third time;

And on the question, Shall the bill pass?

It passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . . 130,
	{ Nays,	. . . . . 22.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Willis Alston, John Anderson, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Radliff Boon, Thomas T. Bouldin, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry,

John Gilmore, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Charles E. Haynes, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, Joseph Richardson, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Henry R. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—130.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, James Blair, John Broadhead, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Michael Hoffman, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, Dixon H. Lewis, William McCoy, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Augustine H. Shepperd, William Stanberry, James Trezvant, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—22.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 565) to provide for the appointment of commissioners to digest, prepare, and report to Congress, at the next session thereof, a code of statute law, civil and criminal, for the District of Columbia; and the said bill being amended, it was

*Ordered*, That it be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the bill (No. 608) to extend the limits of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the bill (No. 224) for improving the avenue leading from the capitol to the executive offices, do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the bill (No. 407) making appropriations for the public buildings, and for other purposes; and having amended the same, it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1831.

Mr. Pettis, by leave, presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, praying that provision may be made for constructing the Cumberland road to the city of Jefferson in that State, as also for the improvement of the navigation of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers; which memorial was laid on the table.

Mr. Pettis, also, by leave, presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri upon the subject of depredations of Indians on the inhabitants of that State, and praying that provision may be made for the protection of the frontiers of said State; which memorial was laid on the table.

Mr. Drayton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the message from the President of the United States, and a letter from the Secretary of War, upon the subject, reported a bill (No. 649) making an appropriation for the repairs of fort Delaware, and for ascertaining the legal title to the Pea Patch; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Young, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the case of Elizabeth Magruder, accompanied by a bill (No. 650) for her relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill (No. 651) authorizing the Register and Receiver of the St. Helena land district, in Louisiana, to receive evidence respecting the claim of Josiah Barker, assignee of Madame Hindson, to a tract of land therein mentioned; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 28,) entitled "An act for the relief of John Brahan and John Read," made a verbal report thereon, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Wickliffe,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Evan and James Jones, and David McCaleb, and that they lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Cambreleng,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of inhabitants of Dorchester county, Maryland, for an additional collection district, and of inhabitants of Florida for a port of entry at St. Andrew's bay; as, also, the subject of the establishment of a port of entry at Green bay, in Michigan; also, from the petitions of Theodore Stanwood and others, and S. C. Dunning; and that the said petitions, &c. do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Harvey,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Samuel Gilbert, and that it lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of South Carolina,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Elliot, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Everett, from the Committee on the Library, reported a bill (No. 652) making provision for a subscription to a compilation of congressional documents; which was read the first and second time: when

A motion was made by Mr. Lea that the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House; which motion being disagreed to by the House,

A motion was made by Mr. Lea that the said bill do lie on the table;

And the question being put thereon,

There appeared,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	86,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	86.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrle, jr., Thomas Irwin, Jacob C. Isacks, Leonard Jarvis, William Kennon, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittendon Lyon, John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, Philander Stephens, Benjamin Swift, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, John W. Weeks, Charles A. Wickliffe, and Joel Yancey.—86.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Baringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Lewis Conduct, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Robert P. Letcher, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, Joseph Richardson, William B. Shepard, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, John B. Sterigere, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—86.

The House being equally divided, the Speaker voted with the yeas, and the question was decided in the affirmative.

And so the said bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Chilton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of David Marston, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 9,) entitled "An act to establish ports of delivery at Port Pontchartrain and Delaware City," reported the same with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that the bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion of Mr. White, of New York, directing the printing of six thousand additional copies of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the expediency of repealing the 25th section of the act to establish the judicial courts of the United States;

And after further debate, the hour allotted by the rules of the House for the consideration of reports and motions expired.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 376. An act to regulate the foreign and coasting trade on the northern and northwestern frontiers of the United States, and for other purposes;

No. 119. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post Office Department;"

No. 608. An act to extend the limits of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia;

were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 113,) entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of a subagent to the Winnebago Indians on Rock river," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill (No. 567) to provide for the appointment of commissioners to digest, prepare, and report to Congress, at the next session thereof, a code of statute law, civil and criminal, for the District of Columbia, was read the third time;

And the question was put, Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 76,  
Nays, . . . . . 96.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Robert Allen, William G. Angel, John Bailey, Daniel L. Barringer, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas T. Bouldin, Elias Brown, Samuel Butman, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Timothy Childs, Clement C. Clay, Nicholas D. Coleman, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Jonas Earll, jr., George Evans, Joshua Evans, James Findlay, James Ford, Innis Green, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Jonathan Hunt, Peter Ihrie, jr., William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isacks, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., William Kennon, John Kincaid, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Robert P. Letcher, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, Charles F. Mercer, Da-

niel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Michael C. Sprigg, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—76.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, John Anderson, William Armstrong, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Thomas Beekman, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, John Broadhead, Tristram Burges, William Cahoon, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Joseph H. Crane, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, John Davis, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Edward B. Dudley, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Henry H. Gurley, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, William Russel, William B. Shepard, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, James Standefer, William L. Storrs, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, John W. Weeks, Charles A. Wickliffe, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—96.

And so the said bill was rejected.

An engrossed bill (No. 407) entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings, and for other purposes," was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall the bill pass? when

A motion was made by Mr. Blair that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole House; which motion being disagreed to,

Mr. Blair moved that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same by striking out the following item:

"For compensation to Charles Bulfinch, late architect of the capitol, for his extra services in planning and superintending the building of the penitentiary at Washington, the jail in Alexandria, the additional buildings for the post office and patent office, and for allowance for returning with his family to Boston, eleven hundred dollars;"

And after debate thereon,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Wilde; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?



And passed in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, viz: Shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas,	93,
	{ Nays,	81.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, John Bailey, Robert W. Barnwell, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, John Davis, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kineaid, Perkins King, George G. Leiper, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russell, Jonah Sanford, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Phineas L. Tracy, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—93.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, John Bell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, William Cahoon, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, David Crockett, Jacob Crocheron, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, Jacob C. Isacks, William Kennon, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, William Stanberry, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John W. Weeks, Charles A. Wickliffe, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 65,) entitled "An act to incorporate Saint Vincent's Orphan Asylum in the District of Columbia," was read the third time, and passed with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the amendment to the said bill.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 584) making appropriations for carrying on certain roads and works of internal improvement, and providing for surveys.

The amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union were read, and severally concurred in by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Pettis further to amend the said bill, by inserting in the item for improving the navigation of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, "the Missouri river," and by adding to the said item the following, viz:

"And the President of the United States is hereby authorized to cause to be expended a part of the said sum of 50,000 dollars in removing obstructions to the navigation of the Missouri river within the limits of the State of Missouri, in the same manner as is provided by the 2d section of the act of the 24th May, 1824, entitled "An act to improve the navigation of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers," if it be ascertained that the obstructions to the navigation of the Missouri are of equal or greater importance than those remaining to be removed from the Ohio and Mississippi rivers."

And the question being put to agree to this amendment,

It was decided in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Lea that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means, with instructions to report bills providing

Appropriations for roads in Michigan,

An appropriation for the military roads in Maine,

Appropriations for surveys for internal improvements,

Appropriations for improving the navigation of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers;

And the question being put to agree to this motion,

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	62,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	107.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Jonas Earll, jr., Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight,



Richard Spencer, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, and Lewis Williams.—62.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, Noyes Barber, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beckman, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crenshaw, John Davis, Harmar Denny, Philip Doddridge, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Huggersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isacks, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Keanon, John Kincaid, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Chittenden Lyon, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, William Stanberry, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Charles A. Wickliffe, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—107.

A motion was then made by Mr. Polk further to amend the said bill, by striking out these words, viz:

“For defraying the expenses incidental to making examinations and surveys under the act of 30th April, 1824, 25,000 dollars;”

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	66,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	109.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Pryor Lea, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, William T. Nuckolls, John M.

Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Jesse Speight, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Campbell P. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, and Lewis Williams.—66.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Caboon, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Edmund Debarry, Harmer Denny, Philip Doddridge, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Samuel V. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, John Gilman, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph H. Johnson, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isaacs, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Chittenden Lyon, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—109.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill (No. 339) entitled "An act for the punishment of certain crimes in the District of Columbia," with amendments; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. The Senate have concurred in the amendment of this House to the bill (No. 43) entitled "An act supplementary to an act passed on the 31st of March, 1830, entitled 'An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practises at the public sales of the lands of the United States.'" And the Senate have also concurred in the amendment of this House to the bill (No. 65) entitled "An act to incorporate the Saint Vincent's Orphan Asylum in the District of Columbia." And then he withdrew.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1831.

Mr. Cowles, by leave, presented a petition of Samuel Miller, of the State of New York, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions

Mr. Varnum presented, by leave, a memorial of claimants under the convention recently concluded with Denmark, residing in Newburyport, Massachusetts, relative to the Danish brigantine Henrick; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Irvin presented a memorial of inhabitants of the county of Muskingum, in the State of Ohio, praying that the mails may not be transported on the Sabbath day; which memorial was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 13,) entitled "An act for the relief of John Brunson," made a report thereon, recommending the rejection of the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 58,) entitled "An act for the relief of James Thomas, late Quartermaster General of the army of the United States," reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. McIntire, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Steele; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Archer,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petition of merchants of Providence, in Rhode Island, upon the subject of duties in Cuba and Portugal, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Burges, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 7,) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of General Mozes Hazen, deceased," reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Burges, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill (No. 653) supplemental to an act entitled "An act for the relief of James Barnett;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported the following resolution; which was read, and laid on the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to this House, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, a statement showing the quantity, quality, and kinds of iron and steel, in their various forms, including castings, manufactured in the United States annually, for three years prior to September, 1831, and the estimated value thereof; and that he also inform this House, as aforesaid, whether any legislative provisions are necessary to prevent the evasion of the payment of the existing duties on bar or other iron imported into the United States, and the frauds upon the revenue occasioned thereby—specifying such frauds and evasions, if any exist.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. White, of New York, that six thousand additional copies be printed of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the expediency of repealing the 25th section of the act to establish the judicial courts of the United States; And after further debate,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Evans, of Maine; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

A motion was then made by Mr. Sterigere that the said resolution do lie on the table; which motion was disagreed to by the House;

And the said previous question was then put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative,

The main question was then put, viz: Shall the resolution pass?

And passed in the affirmative, } Yeas, . . . . . 140,  
Nays, . . . . . 33.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockec, Ratliff Boon, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Edmund Deberry, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, James Findlay, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry M. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph L. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isaacs, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Duttee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, John Roane, Robert S. Rose, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, James Strong, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Samuel F. Vinton, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—140.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Thomas Beekman, James Buchanan, James Clark, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Jonathan Hunt, Peter Ihrie, jr., Kensey Johns, jr., William Kennon, Humphrey H. Leavitt, William McCree-

ry, Daniel H. Miller, Isaac Pierson, William Russel, William B. Shepard, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Joel B. Sutherland, John W. Taylor, John Test, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, George C. Washington, and Elisha Whittlesey.—33.

Mr. Richardson, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 43. An act supplemental to an act passed on the 31st March, 1830, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the public sales of lands of the United States;"

No. 50. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make compensation to the heirs of Taliaferro Livingston and Francis W. Armstrong, for the maintenance of fifteen Africans illegally imported into the United States;

No. 65. An act to incorporate Saint Vincent's Orphan Asylum in the District of Columbia;

No. 113. An act to authorize the appointment of a subagent to the Winnebago Indians on Rock river;

No. 523. An act to provide for the adjustment of claims of persons entitled to indemnification under the convention between the United States and his Majesty the king of Denmark, of the 28th March, 1830, and for the distribution among such claimants of the sums to be paid by the Danish Government to that of the United States, according to the stipulation of the said convention.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a statement of the contracts made by his Department during the past year; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

II. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a list of post roads which have been established more than two years, and which do not produce one-third of the expense incurred in the transportation of the mail on the same.

III. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a list of balances of appropriations for objects in the War Department, which, on the 31st December last, reverted to the surplus fund, and will be required to complete the objects for which said appropriations were made; which letter was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

IV. A memorial of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Michigan, praying that a topographical survey may be made of the country lying between the waters of Saganaw and Grand rivers of the peninsula of Michigan, to determine the practicability and expediency of connecting lakes Huron and Michigan by a canal; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

V. A communication, in the French language, from Mons. Fontaneille, upon the subject of the production of silk; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

VI. A letter from Duff Green, printer, stating that he is about to publish an edition of public documents from the commencement of the present form of government to the close of the 13th Congress, and requesting to be permitted to use original documents on file in the office of the House; which letter was referred to the Committee on the Library.

*Ordered*, That the bill (No. 349) for the relief of Richard Smith and

William Pearse, the second, of Bristol, Rhode Island, be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the bill (No. 529) for the relief of Daniel Jackson and Lucius M. Higgins, of Newbern, North Carolina, be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill of this House, (No 634,) entitled "An act for the relief of certain importers of foreign merchandise;" also, a bill (No. 166) entitled "An act to authorize the laying out and constructing a road from Line creek to the Chattahoochie, and for repairing the road on which the mail is now transported;" in which bill I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill (No. 340) for the relief of Nathaniel Bird; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ellsworth reported the said bill without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 166,) entitled "An act to authorize the laying out and constructing a road from Line creek to the Chattahoochie, and for repairing the road on which the mail is now transported," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 545) entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications during the year 1831;" and the said amendments were read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 339) entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes in the District of Columbia," were read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill (No. 584) entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying on certain roads and works of internal improvement, and providing for surveys," was read the third time;

And the question was put, Shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 106,  
Nays, . . . . . 57.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, Noyes Barber, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Deny, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington,

Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isacks, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Henry C. Martindale, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, John Scott, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Michael C. Sprigg, William Stanberry, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—108.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, John Broadhead, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Henry W. Conner, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Warren R. Davis, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Jonas Earl, jr., Thomas F. Foster, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, John M. Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, and Lewis Williams.—57.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

An engrossed bill (No. 651) entitled "An act authorizing the Register and Receiver of the St. Helena land district, in Louisiana, to receive evidence respecting the claim of Josiah Barker, assignee of Madam Hindson, to a tract of land therein mentioned," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 9. An act to establish ports of delivery at Port Pontchartrain and Delaware city, as amended;

No. 80. An act for the relief of James Sprague;

No. 107. An act for the relief of Thomas Porter, of Indiana; were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Howard reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, particularly the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 545) entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications during the year 1831;" to which amendments he was directed to report the agreement of the committee.

The said amendments were then again read, and concurred in by the House.  
*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion was made by Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the bill (No. 652) making provision for a subscription to a compilation of congressional documents;

And the question being put thereon,

It passed in the affirmative,     { Yeas,     . . . . . 94,  
   { Nays,     . . . . . 76.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Bar-  
 ringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, James  
 Buchanan, Tristram Burges, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng,  
 Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Nicholas D. Coleman,  
 Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles,  
 Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr.,  
 Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar  
 Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, William Drayton, Ed-  
 ward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, William W. Ellis-  
 worth, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, James  
 Ford, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell,  
 jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas H.  
 Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Kensey  
 Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Adam  
 King, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Henry C. Martindale, George  
 E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, Wil-  
 liam Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S.  
 Rose, William B. Shepard, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, William  
 Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, William L. Storrs,  
 James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, John Taliaferro, John W.  
 Taylor, John Test, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck,  
 Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Elisha Whit-  
 tlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis  
 Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.  
 —94.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, John Anderson, William G.  
 Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Robert W. Barnwell,  
 James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, John Broadhead,  
 John Campbell, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Con-  
 ner, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren  
 R. Davis, Joseph Draper, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, Joseph Fry,  
 William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons,  
 Jonathan Harvey, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. How-  
 ard, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin,  
 Jacob C. Isaacs, Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Cave Johnson, Perkins  
 King, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Dixon H. Lew-  
 is, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis  
 Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus  
 McIntire, Daniel H. Miller, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Spencer  
 Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah  
 Sanford, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Samuel A.



Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, John W. Weeks, Charles A. Wickliffe, and Joel Yancey.—76.

A motion was then made by Mr. Lea that there be a call of the House; which motion was rejected.

The question recurred on the engrossment of the said bill;

And after debate thereon,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Condict; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	88,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	82.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, William Cahoon, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Duncan, William W. Ellsworth, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Adam King, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.—88.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Henry W. Dwight, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, James Ford, Joseph Fry, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinda, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Leconte, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Daniel

H. Miller, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, Abram Rencher, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, James Standefor, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, John W. Weeks, Charles A. Wickliffe, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Joel Yancey.—82.

The said main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 93,  
Nays, . . . . . 92.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

**Messrs.** Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, James Clarke, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Henry C. Martindale, Charles F. Mercer, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William B. Shepard, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.—93.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, William Armstrong, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Churchill C. Cambreling, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isacks, Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Adam King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Leconte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin,

John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Daniel H. Miller, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, Philander Stephens, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, John W. Weeks, Charles A. Wickliffe, and Joel Yancey.—92.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Polk reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, particularly bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 645. A bill carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;

No. 585. A bill making an appropriation for a custom-house in the city of New York;

No. 614. A bill making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors, and providing for surveys;

No. 609. A bill making appropriations for building light-houses, light-boats, beacons, and monuments, and placing buoys; which several bills he was directed to report to the House, with amendments to each.

And then the House adjourned.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1831.

Mr. Lamar, by leave, presented a petition of Alston S. Massey, of the State of Georgia, praying to be placed on the pension list; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Storrs, of New York, by leave, presented a memorial of inhabitants of the county of Cayuga, in the State of New York, on behalf of the Indians; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 43. An act supplemental to an act passed on the 31st March, 1830, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the public sales of the lands of the United States;

No. 50. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make compensation to the heirs of Taliaferro Livingston and Francis W. Armstrong, for the maintenance of fifteen Africans illegally imported into the United States;

No. 65. An act to incorporate Saint Vincent's Orphan Asylum in the District of Columbia;

No. 113. An act to authorize the appointment of a subagent to the Winnebago Indians on Rock river;

No. 343. An act making appropriations for the completion and support of the penitentiary in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes;

No. 528. An act to provide for the adjustment of claims of persons entitled to indemnification under the convention between the United States and his Majesty the King of Denmark, of the 28th March, 1830, and for

the distribution among such claimants of the sums to be paid by the Danish Government to that of the United States, according to the stipulation of the said convention.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 339. An act for the punishment of crimes in the District of Columbia;

No. 545. An act making appropriations for certain fortifications during the year 1831;

No. 634. An act for the relief of certain importers of foreign merchandise.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of George McDougall; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of George Ficklin and Daniel Ward, and that the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred, on the 11th January, the letter of the Secretary of the Navy upon the subject of live oak in Florida, made a report, accompanied by a bill (No. 654) to provide for the punishment of offences in cutting, destroying, or removing live oak and other timber or trees reserved for naval purposes; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. White, of New York, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (No. 655) for the relief of the legal representatives of John Coleman, deceased; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill from the Senate (No. 8) for the relief of Lucien Harper.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Library be discharged from the further consideration of the letter of Duff Green, referred yesterday, and that it lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. John S. Barbour,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House do transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made at the present session, in the case of Major John Roberts, together with the evidence on the files of this House sustaining the said report.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. Haynes on the 11th of January last, upon the subject of a reduction of the duty on sugar;

And after further debate thereon, the hour allotted by the rules expired, and the debate was suspended.

Mr. Drayton then moved that the rule of the House which sets apart Friday and Saturday in each week for the consideration of private business, exclusively, be suspended for this day, and that the House proceed in the consideration of business generally, as the same may stand upon the docket or calendar;

And the question being put to agree to this motion,

It passed in the affirmative, two-thirds of the members present voting therefor.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No 165) entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio hereinafter recited;" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 349. An act for the relief of Richard Smith, and William Pearce, the second, of Bristol, Rhode Island;

No. 529. An act for the relief of Daniel Jackson and Lucius M. Higgins, of Newbern, in North Carolina;

No. 340. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Bird;  
were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

An engrossed bill (No. 652) entitled "An act making provision for a subscription to a compilation of congressional documents," was read the third time;

And after debate thereon,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Pettis; and being demanded by a majority of the members,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	108,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	78.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isacks, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Henry C. Martindale, William McCreery, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, William B. Shepard, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard

H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joseph F. Wingate, and Ebenezer Young.—108.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Raliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claihorne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, William Drayton, Jonas Earl, jr., William W. Ellsworth, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Daniel H. Miller, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Charles A. Wickliffe, and Joel Yancey.—78.

The main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	95,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	93.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. William S. Archer, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, John S. Barbour, Daniel L. Barringer, Mordecai Bartley, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Henry C. Martindale, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutée J. Pearce, Isaac Piereson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William B. Shepard, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde,



Edward B. Dudley, Samuel W. Eager, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, George Grennell, jr., Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Thomas H. Hughes, Jabez W. Huntington, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, Abram Rencher, John Roane, William Russel, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, Jesse Speight, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, John W. Taylor, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—66.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, John Anderson, Robert W. Barnwell, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Elias Brown, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Clement C. Clay, Lewis Condict, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Joseph Duncan, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Jonathan Hunt, Peter Ihrie, jr., William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isacks, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, Rufus McIntire, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Samuel F. Vinton, James M. Wayne, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, and Joel Yancey.—87.

Further debate then arose on said bill: when

The previous question was moved by Mr. Blair, of Tennessee; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. McDuffie then moved to suspend the rules of the House, and postpone all other business, for the purpose of enabling him to make a motion, that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, to which is committed the joint resolution for amending the Constitution of the United States in relation to the election of President and Vice President, be discharged from the consideration thereof, that the same may be considered in the House; which motion to suspend the rules was not agreed to by two-thirds of the members present.



The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an account (printed) of the receipts and expenditures of the United States for the year 1829; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1831.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of Cyprian Stevens, and a petition of Eleazer Owens, both of the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Magee presented a petition of John Nash, jr., of the State of New York;

Mr. Whittlesey presented a petition of Benjamin Ward, of the State of Ohio; praying, respectively, to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Cahoon presented a petition of inhabitants of the counties of Orange and Caledonia, in the State of Vermont;

Mr. Stanberry presented petitions of inhabitants of the counties of Delaware and Crawford, in the State of Ohio;

Mr. Irvin presented petitions of inhabitants of the counties of Fairfield and Pickaway, in the State of Ohio; praying, respectively, for the establishment of post routes therein named and described.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hoffman presented a petition of Ezekiel Jones, of the State of New York, praying compensation for services as a soldier in the army of the revolution; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johns presented a resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Delaware on the 27th January, 1831, requesting Congress to make liberal and ample provision for those surviving officers and soldiers of the revolution who served from the commencement of hostilities in 1775 to the 1st of October, 1780; which resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johns also presented the following proceedings, adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, on the 28th of January, 1831, viz:

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JANUARY SESSION, 1831.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the distribution of the revenue arising from the sale of the public lands of the Union among the several States, for the purpose of education, &c., report:

That the citizens of this State view with deep solicitude the efforts lately made in the National Legislature to deprive the Atlantic States of their just and equitable rights to the public lands of the Union—rights which they claim to hold in common with all the States, and which were asserted by and conceded to them at the laying of the foundation of the Constitution of the Union. It is an inheritance which they claim as the purchase of their treasures and of their blood, and is too highly appreciated by them to be relinquished without an equivalent, and too dearly bought to be wantonly lavished away.

The citizens of Delaware have beheld with pain and anxiety attempts which have lately been made in Congress thus to deprive them of a conceded right, and dissipate the revenue

derivable from those lands, by forcing sales within a short period of time and at mere nominal prices. They consider such a scheme as nothing less than a virtual alienation of their right, and a wanton sacrifice of their interest to the cupidity and avarice of speculators, many of whom, it would seem, are as mercenary and unprincipled in their views as they are active and vociferous in their support of them. The people of Delaware look forward to the time when the national debt shall have been liquidated (to the payment of which the revenue accruing from the sales of the public lands is pledged) as a suitable and auspicious period, after which the said revenue may be distributed among the several States of the Union, for the purpose of extending the means of education, and thereby promoting the general welfare of the Union, strengthening its bands, and perpetuating its blessings. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met,* That this Legislature views with a jealous eye every attempt to make a partial distribution of the public lands of the Union among the States, whether by direct grant to a State, or by nominal sales at reduced prices to the citizens thereof.

*Resolved,* That, in the opinion of this General Assembly, the revenue arising from the sale of the public lands of the Union ought to be distributed among the several States, for the purpose of extending the means of education throughout the republic, as soon as the liquidation of the national debt shall warrant the same.

*Resolved,* That our Senators and Representative in the National Legislature be, and they are hereby, requested to exert themselves to procure such an appropriation of the funds available from the sales of those lands, as shall foster and promote the cause of education throughout the Union.

*Resolved,* That this General Assembly do approve most heartily the manly and able stand maintained by our representation in the Senate of the United States in defending and sustaining the right and interest of the State upon the question of the disposal of the western domains of the Union.

*Resolved,* That the foregoing report and resolutions be signed by the Speakers of the Senate and of the House of Representatives respectively, and that a copy be transmitted to each of our Senators and to our Representative in Congress, and that the Executive of each State be furnished with a copy by the Governor, and requested to lay the same before their respective Legislatures.

JOSHUA BURTON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

P. SPRUANCE, Jr.,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

Adopted at Dover, January 28th, 1831.

*Ordered,* That the said proceedings do lie on the table.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of sundry citizens of the United States engaged in commerce on the western waters, praying Congress to construct and endow a national hospital on the Ohio river, to be located within a day's sail above the mouth of that river; which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Boon presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Indiana, praying that the land office for the district of Crawfordsville may be removed to the town of Lafayette; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Duncan presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, praying for the aid of the Government of the United States in

constructing a road from Vincennes to Chicago; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Duncan presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, praying that said General Assembly may be authorized to sell the lands granted by the United States for the use of common schools in that State, and that the said State may be authorized to surrender to the United States the township granted for the use of a seminary of learning, and to locate other lands in lieu thereof; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Pettis presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, upon the subject of the boundary between that State and the Indian tribes; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Pettis presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, praying that the Cumberland road may be so located as to cross the Mississippi river at St. Louis, instead of Alton, as prayed for by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Pettis presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, praying that an alteration may be made in the entry of public lands in that State, so as to authorize the entry of the north or south half of quarter sections, or forty acres in any corner of a section; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Pettis presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, praying that a board of commissioners may be constituted for the purpose of effecting a final settlement of private claims to land within that State; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Hughes severally presented memorials from inhabitants of the State of New Jersey, respectively praying that the duties on foreign iron may not be reduced on the importation thereof into the United States; which memorials were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Memorials praying Congress to pass an act to prohibit the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day, were, severally, presented, as follows:

By Mr. Anderson, of inhabitants of North Yarmouth, in the State of Maine.

By Mr. Denny, of inhabitants of Pittsburg and its vicinity, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Sill, of inhabitants of the counties of Venango and Erie, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Thomas Irwin, of inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Russel, of inhabitants of the county of Highland, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Stanberry, of inhabitants of the counties of Licking and Knox, in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Stanberry, also, presented a memorial of inhabitants of the county of Marion, being Jews, of the seed of Abraham, praying that the transportation of the mails on the seventh day of the week, being Saturday, and the Jewish Sabbath, may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Miller presented a memorial of Amos A. Jones, roller of iron in the city of Philadelphia, stating that he signed the memorial of blacksmiths and other workers of iron in Philadelphia under mistaken views of the subject, and praying that the prayer of said memorial may not be granted; which memorial of A. A. Jones was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Sutherland presented a memorial of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, importers of woollen and cotton goods, praying that certain duties levied under the provisions of the 3d section of the act of May 28, 1830, for the more effectual collection of duties on imports, may be refunded; and that the period allowed by the act of March 2d, 1799, to procure an abatement of duties on goods damaged during the voyage, may be extended to twenty days after the landing of the goods; which memorial was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Cahoon presented a petition of Hiram Huntington, of the State of Vermont, praying for a pension.

Mr. Holland presented a petition of Moses Hutchins, of the State of Maine, praying for a pension.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Mr. Hunt presented a petition of inhabitants of the county of Cheshire, in the State of New Hampshire, and of the county of Windham, in the State of Vermont, praying for the establishment of a post route; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Martindale presented a petition of inhabitants of the southern part of the Territory of Michigan, and the northern part of the State of Ohio, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of public lands on which they reside, respectively, may be granted to them for the additional period of one year; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Vance presented a petition of John Gregg, of the State of Ohio, an officer in the army of the revolution, praying for a pension, or for further compensation for his services; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Memorials praying Congress to repeal the act passed at the last session of Congress, providing for an exchange of lands with certain Indian tribes, and for their removal and permanent settlement west of the river Mississippi; and, also, that the Indians may be protected in the possession of their lands, and in the enjoyment of all rights secured to them by treaties entered into between the said Indians and the United States, were, severally, presented, as follows, viz:

By Mr. John Davis, of inhabitants of the towns of Sutton and Oxford, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Young, of inhabitants of the town of Canterbury, in the State of Connecticut.

By Mr. Cahoon, of inhabitants of the towns of Northfield and Waitsfield, in Washington county, State of Vermont.

By Mr. Whittlesey, of ladies residing in the town of Batavia, in the county of Geauga, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Test, of inhabitants of the State of Indiana.

By Mr. Dwight, of inhabitants of the town of Stockbridge, in Berkshire county, State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Horace Everett, of inhabitants of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont.

By Mr. Grennell, of inhabitants of the town of Ashfield, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. John Davis, of inhabitants of the towns of Millbury and New Braintree, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Varnum, of inhabitants of the towns of Rowley and Ipswich, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Crowninshield, of inhabitants of the town of Beverly, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Huntington, of inhabitants of the county of Litchfield, in the State of Connecticut.

By Mr. Spencer, of New York, of inhabitants of the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Condict, of inhabitants of the town of Princeton, in the State of New Jersey.

By Mr. Sutherland, of inhabitants of the county of Montgomery, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Whittlesey, of inhabitants of the counties of Trumbull, Ashtabula, and Portage, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. McCreery presented a memorial of inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath may be prohibited.

Mr. Whittlesey presented a memorial of inhabitants of the town of Liberty, in the county of Trumbull, in the State of Ohio, praying that the transportation of the mails on the Sabbath day may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Sutherland presented a memorial of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, engaged in the manufacture of iron, and of those friendly to the production of it in this country, remonstrating against a reduction of the duty on iron of foreign manufacture; which memorial was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Test and Mr. Jennings, respectively, presented memorials of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, praying the consent of the General Government to the revocation of so much of the compact between that State and the United States as prohibits said State from imposing taxes on lands sold by the United States within five years from the date of the sale; which memorials were laid on the table.

Mr. Test and Mr. Jennings, respectively, presented memorials of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, on behalf of John Kimberlin, who claims pay for grain and other property taken from him for the use of a detachment of volunteers against hostile Indians, in the year 1812; which memorials were laid on the table.

Mr. Test and Mr. Jennings, respectively, presented memorials of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, upon the subject of the selection of the lands reserved or granted by a treaty between the United States and the Pottawatamie Indians, for a road from lake Michigan to the Ohio river; which memorials were laid on the table.

Mr. Test and Mr. Jennings, respectively, presented joint resolutions, adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, relative to the improve-

ment of the navigation of the Wabash and White rivers; which resolutions were laid on the table.

Mr. Johns presented the following proceedings, adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Delaware on the 12th of January, 1831, viz:

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JANUARY SESSION, 1831.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the tariff and internal improvements, and to whom were, also, referred sundry resolutions of the General Assembly of the States of Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Louisiana, Ohio, and Kentucky, approbatory of the tariff of 1828, have had these subjects under consideration, and beg leave to report the following resolutions:

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met,* That this General Assembly do concur in the resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, by which it is declared "That the tariff of 1828 accords with the spirit of the Constitution of the United States, and that it maintains the true principles of protection to the industry of the country against foreign policy and legislation;" and also in the opinion of the General Assemblies of the States of Louisiana and Vermont, in which they have declared the law of 1828, on the tariff, to be expedient and harmless to the southern States.

*Resolved,* That the construction of works of internal improvement by Congress is, in the opinion of this General Assembly, not only within the constitutional powers of the Congress the United States, but that the exercise of such power is highly expedient.

*Resolved, further,* That the Governor of this State be requested to transmit copies of the above resolutions to our Representative and our Senators in Congress, and also to forward a copy to the Governors of the several States, with a request that they will lay the same before their respective Legislatures.

JOSHUA BURTON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

P. SPRUANCE, Jr.,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

*Ordered,* That the said proceedings do lie on the table:

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed by the Senate to inform this House that the Honorable James Noble, a Senator of the United States for the State of Indiana, died at his lodgings in this city on the 27th instant, and that his funeral will take place this day at half past eleven o'clock A. M. And then he withdrew. Whereupon

Mr. Test moved that the House do come to the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved,* That the members of this House will attend the funeral of the Honorable James Noble, late a member of the Senate from the State of Indiana, this day, at the hour appointed; and, as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, they will go into mourning, and wear crape round the left arm for thirty days;

And the question being put thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Vance, it was then

*Ordered,* That, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Senator Noble, the House will take a recess until three o'clock P. M.

And then the House took a recess accordingly.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The House resumed its session according to the order of this day.

A motion was made that there be a call of the House; which being agreed to,

The House was called over, and 108 members answered to their names, viz:

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, John Anderson, John Bailey, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, James Buchanan, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Clement C. Clay, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Thomas Davenport, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, George Grennell, jr., Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Thomas H. Hughes, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, Perkins King, Adam King, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCree-ry, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, James F. Randolph, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Joel Yancey.—108.

Further proceedings in the call were then dispensed with;

And the House resumed the consideration of the memorial from inhabitants of the town of Southampton, in the county of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts, presented by Mr. Edward Everett on the 7th inst.

The question recurred on the motion, made by Mr. Everett on the 14th instant, that the said memorial be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, "with instructions to report a bill making further provision for executing the laws of the United States on the subject of intercourse with the Indian tribes, and also for the faithful observance of the treaties between the United States and the said tribes:" when

A motion was made by Mr. Sutherland that the said memorial do lie on the table: and

A motion was then made by Mr. Potter that there be a call of the House; And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	48,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	98.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, John Anderson, William G. Angel, Robert E. B. Baylor, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Henry W. Conner, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Jonas Earll, jr., Horace Everett, James Ford, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jeheil H. Halsey, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Leonard Jarvis, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, George Loyall, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, George McDuffie, John M. Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Augustine H. Shepperd, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, John W. Weeks, and Richard H. Wilde.—48.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Thomas Beekman, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chilton, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, George Grennell, jr., Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isaacs, Jonathan Jennings, Kensey Johns, jr., Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, Perkins King, Adam King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Leconte, George G. Leiper, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, James Shields, Thomas H. Silf, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Benjamin Swift, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—98.

The question was then put, Shall the said memorial lie on the table?

And passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	103,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	66.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Elias Brown, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Henry W. Conner, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dick-



inson, Joseph Draper, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, James Ford, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Henry H. Gurley, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Jacob C. Isacks, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, William Kennon, Perkins King, Adam King, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Henry C. Martindale, William McCreery, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, Henry A. Muhlenberg, John M. Patton, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John Test, John Thomson, Starling Tucker, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Joel Yancey.—103.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, William G. Angel, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, James Buchanan, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Joseph H. Crane, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Hamar Denny, Robert Desha, Henry W. Dwight, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, James Findlay, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, George Grennell, jr., Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Hunt, Ralph I. Ingersoll, Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, Henry G. Lamar, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, George McDuffie, George E. Mitchell, Walter H. Overton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Robert Potter, James F. Randolph, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Robert S. Rose, William Stanberry, William L. Storrs, John W. Taylor, Wiley Thompson, Phineas L. Tracy, James Trezvant, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Richard H. Wilde, and Ebenezer Young.—66.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 520. An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places;

No. 613. An act further to amend the act entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington," passed on the 15th of May, 1820;

No. 654. An act to provide for the punishment of offences in cutting, destroying, or removing live oak and other timber, or trees, for naval purposes; were severally read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 165,) entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio

hereinafter recited," reported the same with an amendment; which being read,

A motion was made by Mr. Sutherland that the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

The question was then put, that the House do agree to the amendment reported to the said bill,

And decided in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Angel to amend the said bill; which amendment being read,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Stanberry; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill be read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill (No. 528) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831," with amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House! And then he withdrew.

The amendments of the Senate to the said bill were then read, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 115. An act for the relief of the heirs and executors of Thomas Worthington, deceased;

No. 152. An act confirming the selections heretofore made of lands for the construction of the Michigan road, in the State of Indiana;

No. 163. An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers of fort Delaware; in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The following message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, viz:

*To the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States*:

I lay before the House of Representatives a treaty recently concluded with the Choctaw tribe of Indians, that provision may be made for carrying the same into effect agreeably to the estimate heretofore presented by the Secretary of War to the Committee of Ways and Means. It is a printed copy, as it passed the Senate; no amendment having been made, except to strike out the preamble. I also communicate a letter from the Secretary of War on this subject.

ANDREW JACKSON.

February 28, 1831.

*Ordered*, That the said message be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a statement of the nett amount of postage accruing at each post

office in each State and Territory for one year ending March 31, 1830, and showing the amount in each State and Territory; which letter was read, and laid on the table, and two thousand copies thereof ordered to be printed for the use of the members of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Third Auditor of the Treasury, transmitting his report, prepared in obedience to the act of the 31st May, 1830, entitled "An act for the relief of sundry citizens of the United States who have lost property by the depredations of certain Indian tribes;" which report was laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the bill (No. 620) declaratory of the law concerning contempts of court, be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

*Ordered*, That the bill (No. 559) making appropriations for certain expenditures on account of the Engineer, Ordnance, and Quartermaster's Departments, do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 645) to carry into effect certain Indian treaties; and the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the 25th instant, were read, and concurred in by the House.

The said bill was then further amended, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

An engrossed bill (No. 620) entitled "An act declaratory of the law concerning contempts of court," was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 609) making appropriations for building light-houses, light-boats, beacons, and monuments, and placing buoys; and the amendments reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the 25th instant, were read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

No. 517. An act to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, into and within the District of Columbia;

No. 602. An act for the relief of Clarissa B. Harrison; with amendments to each; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House: the Senate have passed the bill of this House, (No. 542,) entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase an additional quantity of land for the fortifications at fort Washington, upon the Potomac," without amendment: and the Senate have also passed a bill (No. 116) entitled "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Cheever and others;" in which bill I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, viz:

No. 115. An act for the relief of the heirs and executors of Thomas Worthington, deceased;

No. 152. An act confirming the selections heretofore made of lands for the construction of the Michigan road in the State of Indiana;

No. 163. An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers of fort Delaware.

No. 116. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Cheever and others; were, severally, read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 115. To a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow;

No. 152. To the Committee on Internal Improvements;

No. 163. To the Committee on Military Affairs;

No. 116. To the Committee of Ways and Means.

An engrossed bill (No. 609) entitled an act making appropriations for building light-houses, light-boats, beacons, and monuments, and for placing buoys," was read the third time;

And on the question, Shall the said bill pass?

It passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	125,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	49.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, John S. Barbour, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Conduct, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Har-mar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John D. Dickinson, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, James Ford, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Gennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Humphrey H. Leavitt, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, George Loyall, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, William Stanberry, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—125.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Willis Alston, William G. Angel, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, John Broadhead, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, James Clark, Henry W. Conner, Robert Craig, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Dayenport,

Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, James Findlay, Chauncey Forward, Joseph Fry, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Jennings, Cave Johnson, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, Dixon H. Lewis, Wilson Lumpkin, William McCoy, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, James Shields, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—49.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 560) making appropriations for the Indian Department for the year 1831; and the amendments reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the 17th instant, were read, and concurred in by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Bates further to amend the said bill, by adding thereto the following, as an additional section, viz:

*"And be it further enacted*, That the annuities to the Indian nations or tribes shall be paid, hereafter, in the way and manner they have usually been paid since the grant thereof, or until the said nations or tribes, respectively, shall, in general council, otherwise direct."

And after debate on the said amendment,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Buchanan; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, viz: Shall the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill, being engrossed, was then read the third time accordingly;

And on the question, Shall the bill pass?

It passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 117. An act for the relief of William Delzell, of Ohio;

No. 118. An act for the relief of William D. Acken;

No. 119. An act for the relief of James Belger;

No. 136. An act for the relief of John Culbertson, and to provide an interpreter for the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana;

No. 145. An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;

No. 168. An act for the relief of John Nicholson;

No. 22. An act for the relief of Beverly Chew, the heirs of William Emerson, deceased, and the heirs of Edwin Lorraine, deceased; in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill (No. 645) entitled "An act to carry into effect certain Indian treaties," was read the third time, and passed.

**Ordered,** That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 585) making an appropriation for a custom-house in the city of New York; and the amendment reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House on the 25th instant, was read, and concurred in by the House.

**Ordered,** That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 614) for the improvement of certain harbors, and providing for surveys; and the first amendment reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House on the 25th instant having been concurred in;

A motion was made by Mr. Lamar that the said bill do lie on the table; which motion was disagreed to by the House.

The residue of the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House were then concurred in:

And a motion was made by Mr. Lecompte further to amend said bill, by adding thereto the following item, viz:

"For removing certain obstructions in the Kentucky river at the mouth of Big Benson, twelve thousand dollars.

And after debate on the said amendment,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Huntington; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

**And passed in the affirmative,**

{	<b>Yeas,</b>	. . . . .	88,
{	<b>Nays,</b>	. . . . .	80.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, John Blair, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., John Davis, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, Innis Green, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, George G. Leiper, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William B. Shepard, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, William Stanberry, James Standefer, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—88.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, John Broadhead, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, James Clark, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, David Crockett, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, Joseph Fry, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Thomas Hinds, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Le-compte, James Lent, Robert P. Letcher, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Campbell P. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—80.

The said main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas,	. . . . .	91,
	{ Nays,	. . . . .	75.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, John Blair, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, William Cahoon, Thomas Chilton, James Clark, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, Wm. Creighton, jr., John Davis, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Edward B. Dudley, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, John Gilmore, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Duttee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, William Russell, William B. Shepard, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, Philander Stephens, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—91.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Willis Alston, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, James Blair, Abraham

Bockee, John Broadhead, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Edmund Deberry, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, Joseph Fry, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Leonard Jarvis, Jonathan Jennings, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, William Stanberry, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Gulian C. Verplanck, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—75.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

No. 588. An act for the sale of lands in the State of Illinois, reserved for the use of salt springs on the Vermillion river, in that State;

No. 298. An act for the relief of citizens of Shawneetown;

No. 431. An act for the relief of William Clower;  
and the Senate have, also, passed bills of the following titles, and a joint resolution of the following title, viz:

No. 109. An act for the relief of Sophia Gardner;

No. 124. An act for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Noble, deceased;

No. 126. An act supplementary to the act to reduce the duty on salt;

No. 128. An act to extend the patent of John Adamson for a further period of fourteen years;

No. 131. An act concerning vessels employed in the whale fishery;

No. 135. An act for the relief of John Nicks;

No. 138. An act to repeal the act to establish the district of Blakely;

No. 144. An act confirming the claim of John B. Toulmin to a lot in the city of Mobile;

No. 158. An act to authorize the executor of Stephen Tippet to locate a tract of land in the State of Louisiana;

No. 160. An act for the relief of Peter Cleer, of Maryland;

No. 171. An act for the relief of the mother of Fitz Henry Babbitt, late a lieutenant in the Navy of the United States;

Resolution directing the Secretary of State to subscribe for seventy copies of Peters's condensed reports of decisions of the Supreme Court; in which bills and resolution I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 585. An act making an appropriation for a custom-house in the city of New York;

No. 614. An act for the improvement of certain harbors, and providing for surveys;

were, severally, read the third time, and passed.



*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 513) to extend the act entitled "An act for further extending the powers of the judges of the superior court of the Territory of Arkansas, under the act of the 26th day of May, 1824, and for other purposes;" when it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The said bill, being engrossed, was read the third time accordingly, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1831.

Mr. Drayton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 163,) entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers at fort Delaware," made an adverse report thereon. The bill was then committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 107. An act for the relief of Thomas Porter, of Indiana;

No. 298. An act for the relief of the citizens of Shawneetown;

No. 431. An act for the relief of William Clower;

No. 542. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase an additional quantity of land for the fortifications at fort Washington, upon the river Potomac;

No. 588. An act for the sale of the lands in the State of Illinois reserved for the use of salt springs on the Vernillion river, in that State;

No. 80. An act for the relief of James Sprague;

and found the same to be truly enrolled: when  
The Speaker signed the said bills.

Mr. Leiper, from the Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department, made a report on the expenditures on account of contingencies of that Department for the year 1830; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, laid before the House sundry documents relating to the pay and allowances of officers of the marine corps; which were laid on the table.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the memorial of Captain Thomas Ap Catesby Jones; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of John McKim; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Duncan, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred memorials of the General Assemblies of States, and the memorials of officers of the army in the late war with Great Britain, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 656) making grants of land to the disbanded officers and others, for services and sacrifices during the late war with Great Britain; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to which was referred the message from the President of the United States of the 22d ultimo,

upon the subject of the Arabian horses presented to Mr. Charles Rhind by the Sultan of Turkey, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein recommended was concurred in by the House, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Conner, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Jeremiah Austill; which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the bill making provision for the claim of Caron de Beaumarchais, and that the said claim be referred to the President of the United States, as a matter of negotiation.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the case of Bernard Marigny, assignee of the heirs of Antoine Bon-nabel, accompanied by a bill (No. 657) for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 40,) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Peter Celestino Walker and John Peter Walker, deceased, and of Joseph Walker, of the State of Mississippi," reported the same with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the amendment be engrossed, and that the bill be read a third time to-day.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. Haynes on the 11th January, for a reduction of the duty on sugar;

And after further debate thereon, the hour expired, and the debate was suspended.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 165,) entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio hereinafter recited," was read a third time: when

A motion was made by Mr. Duncan that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Internal Improvements;

And pending the question on this motion,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Wickliffe, and was demanded by a majority of the members present: when

A motion was made by Mr. Mercer that the said bill do lie on the table; And the question being put on this motion,

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	53,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	114.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

These who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. William Armstrong, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Ratliff Boon, Elias Brown, Samuel Butman, Thomas Chandler, Timothy Childs, Henry B. Cowles, William Creighton, jr., Thomas Davenport, John Davis, John D. Dickinson, Joseph Duncan, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hammons, Joseph Hemphill, Benjamin C. Howard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Chittenden Lyon, Henry C. Martindale,

Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, Spencer Pettis, William Ramsey, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Augustine H. Shepperd, Benedict I. Semmes, William Stanberry, William L. Storrs, Joseph Vance, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Lewis Williams, and Ebenezer Young.—53.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, Benedict Arnold, Robert W. Barnwell, Thomas Beekman, James Blair, John Blair, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, James Buchanan, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chilton, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Nicholas D. Coleman, Lewis Condict, Henry W. Conner, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Harmar Denny, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Philip Doddridge, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Henry W. Dwight, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Chauncey Forward, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, Nathan Gaither, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Innis Green, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Thomas H. Hughes, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, William McCree, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, James F. Randolph, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, James Standefer, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, and Joel Yancey.—114.

The said previous question was then put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 40,) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Peter Celestino Walker and John Peter Walker, deceased, and of Joseph Walker, of the State of Mississippi," was read the third time, and passed, with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the amendment to the said bill.

The amendment of the Senate to the bill (No. 692) entitled "An act for the relief of Clarissa B. Harrison," was read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 517) to authorize the ex-

tension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, into and within the District of Columbia," were read;

And a motion was made that the said amendments be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia; which motion being disagreed to by the House,

The said amendments were then concurred in.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 22. An act for the relief of Beverly Chew, the heirs of William Emerson, deceased, and the heirs of Edwin Lorraine, deceased,

No. 109. An act for the relief of Sophia Gardner;

No. 117. An act for the relief of William Delzell, of Ohio;

No. 118. An act for the relief of William D. Acken;

No. 119. An act for the relief of James Belger;

No. 124. An act for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Noble, deceased;

No. 126. An act supplementary to the act to reduce the duty on salt;

No. 128. An act to extend the patent of John Adamson for a further period of fourteen years;

No. 131. An act concerning vessels employed in the whale fishery;

No. 135. An act for the relief of John Nicks;

No. 136. An act for the relief of John Culbertson, and to provide an interpreter for the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana;

No. 144. An act confirming the claim of John B. Toulmin to a lot in the city of Mobile;

No. 145. An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;

No. 158. An act to authorize the executor of Stephen Tippet to locate a tract of land in the State of Louisiana;

No. 160. An act for the relief of Peter Cleer, of Maryland;

No. 168. An act for the relief of John Nicholson;

No. 171. An act for the relief of the mother of Fitz Henry Babbitt, late a Lieutenant in the Navy of the United States;

were severally read the first and second time, and referred—

No. 22. }

No. 128. } To the Committee on the Judiciary;

No. 136. }

No. 109. }

No. 118. } To the Committee on Naval Affairs;

No. 171. }

No. 117. }

No. 119. } To the Committee on Military Pensions;

No. 160. }

No. 124. } To the Committee on the Public Lands;

No. 126. }

No. 145. } To the Committee of Ways and Means;

No. 131. }

No. 135. } To the Committee on Commerce;

No. 168. }

No. 144. }

No. 158. }

No. 158. } To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 198,) entitled "An act to repeal the act.

to establish the district of Blakely," was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day. The said bill was then, accordingly, read a third time, and passed.

The resolution from the Senate directing the Secretary of State to subscribe for seventy-five copies of Peters's condensed reports of decisions of the Supreme Court, was read the first, second, and third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate of the passage of the said bill and resolution.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and took into consideration the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 528) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831;" and the bill from the Senate, (No. 100.) entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wickliffe reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments and bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, with amendments to each.

The first amendment of the Committee of the Whole House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, is to strike out the following item of said amendments, viz:

"And for additional compensation to the Assistant Librarian, the sum of three hundred dollars."

And on the question to concur with the Committee of the Whole in striking out this item,

It passed in the affirmative.

The next amendment to which the Committee of the Whole House reported its disagreement is as follows:

"For compensation to the extra clerks employed in the Post Office Department by the late Postmaster General, from the 1st of January, 1828, to 1st April, 1829, \$4,175 27.

"For compensation to the temporary and extra clerks employed in the Post Office Department from the 1st April, 1829, to the 31st December, 1830, \$15,869 08.

"For completing the Post Office building, \$484 03:"

And on the question to concur with the Committee of the Whole House in its disagreement to this amendment,

It was decided in the negative, and the amendment was thereby agreed to by the House.

The amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the 9th amendment of the Senate to the said bill, was then concurred in by the House.

The 10th amendment of the Senate, to insert in the bill the following items:

*1st Item.* "For outfit and salary of a *Chargé d'Affaires*, for the salary of a *Drogoman*, at Constantinople, and for the contingent expenses of the Legation, thirty-six thousand dollars, to wit: for the outfit of a *Chargé d'Affaires*, four thousand five hundred dollars; for the salary of a *Chargé d'Affaires*, four thousand five hundred dollars; for the salary of a *Drogoman*, two thousand five hundred dollars; for the contingent expenses of the Legation, twenty-five thousand dollars."

*2d Item.* "For compensation to the persons heretofore employed in our intercourse with the Sublime Porte, the further sum of fifteen thousand dollars, in aid of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars by this act appropriated for the contingent expenses of foreign intercourse: *Provided, always,* That nothing in this act contained shall be construed as sanctioning, or in any way approving the appointment of these persons by the President alone during the recess of the Senate, and without their advice or consent, as commissioners to negotiate a treaty with the Ottoman Porte."

To this amendment the Committee of the Whole reported as follows: at the end of the first item insert, "and fifteen thousand dollars to defray the expenses of intercourse heretofore incurred;" and strike out the second item, with the proviso therein contained.

The amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole, to add to the first item, "and fifteen thousand dollars," &c., was concurred in by the House.

That portion of the amendment of the Committee of the Whole House which proposed to strike out so much of the second item of the said 10th amendment of the Senate as is contained in the words following, viz:

"For compensation to the persons heretofore employed in our intercourse with the Sublime Porte, the further sum of fifteen thousand dollars, in aid of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars by this act appropriated for the contingent expenses of foreign intercourse," was concurred in by the House;

And the question was then put to concur with the Committee of the Whole House in striking out so much of the said second item of the said 10th amendment of the Senate as is contained in the words following, viz:

"*Provided, always,* That nothing in this act contained shall be construed as sanctioning, or in any way approving the appointment of these persons by the President alone, during the recess of the Senate, and without their advice or consent, as commissioners to negotiate a treaty with the Sublime Porte;"

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 83,  
Nays, . . . . . 57.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, Daniel L. Barringer, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Samuel P. Carson, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Henry W. Conner, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, James Ford, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, William Kennon, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, William McCreery, William McCoy, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, John M. Patton, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis,

James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, Philander Stephens, Joel B. Sutherland, John W. Taylor, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, James M. Wayne, and Richard H. Wilde.—83.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Robert Allen, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, Robert W. Barnwell, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, Samuel Butman, John Campbell, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Richard Coke, jr., Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, Nathan Gaither, Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, James L. Hodges, Thomas H. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph Lecompte, Chittenden Lyon, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, Charles F. Mercer, Walter H. Overton, Isaac Pierson, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, William Russel, William Stanberry, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John Test, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—57.

The residue of the amendments of the Senate to the said bill were concurred in by the House;

And the question was then put, that the House do concur in the amendments of the Senate to the said bill as amended,

And passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate concur in the amendment of this House to the bill of the Senate, (No. 40,) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Peter Celestino Walker and John Peter Walker, deceased, and of Joseph Walker, of the State of Mississippi." The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

No. 539. An act making appropriations for the military service for the year 1831;

No. 336. An act for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States;

No. 654. An act to carry into effect the act to provide for a survey of the coast of the United States;

with amendments to the first mentioned bill; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report on the survey of the valley of the Connecticut river, made by De Witt Clinton, civil engineer; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an abstract of the official emoluments and expenditures of such officers of the customs as have rendered their accounts for the year 1830; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1831.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have, in the absence of the Vice President, elected the Honorable Samuel Smith, a Senator from the State of Maryland, President pro tempore of the Senate.

The Senate recede from their first amendment to the bill (No. 528) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831;" they concur in the amendment of this House to their ninth amendment to said bill; and they disagree to the amendments of this House to their tenth amendment, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; to conduct which conference on their part, they have appointed managers.

The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

No. 560. An act making appropriations for the Indian Department for the year 1831;

No. 645. An act to carry into effect certain Indian treaties; with amendments to each; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

No. 407. An act making appropriations for the public buildings;

No. 513. An act to extend the act entitled "An act for further extending the powers of the judges of the superior courts of the Territory of Arkansas, under the act of the 26th of May, 1824," and for other purposes;

No. 520. An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places;

No. 531. An act making appropriations for the naval service of the United States for the year 1831;

No. 652. An act making provision for a subscription to a compilation of congressional documents.

And then he withdrew.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary; which message was read, and is as follows:

March 1, 1831.

*To the House of Representatives:*

I transmit herewith, for the use of the House, printed copies of the treaties which have been lately ratified between the United States and the Choctaw Indians, and between the United States and the confederated tribes of the Sacs and Foxes, and other tribes.

ANDREW JACKSON.

*Ordered,* That the said message do lie on the table.

Mr. Donelson also notified the House that the President of the United States did, on the 3d of February, approve and sign,

An act to authorize the construction of three schooners for the naval service of the United States;

An act to amend an act for taking the fifth census;

An act for the relief of Matthias Roll and William Jackson;

An act to amend the several acts respecting copyrights;

On the 12th of February,

An act to repeal the charges on passports and clearances;

An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to John Powell;



On the 19th of February,

An act to establish a land office in the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes;

An act to provide hereafter for the payment of six thousand dollars annually to the Seneca Indians, and for other purposes;

An act making appropriations for the completion and support of the penitentiary in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes;

An act for the adjustment of claims of persons entitled to indemnification under the convention between the United States and his Majesty the King of Denmark, of the 28th of March, 1830, and for the distribution among such claimants of the sums to be paid by the Danish Government to that of the United States, according to the stipulation of said convention.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to each messenger the same allowance for extra services as was allowed at the end of the second session of the last Congress.

On motion of Mr. Polk,

*Resolved*, That the postmaster of this House, for his prompt and regular attendance as such, be allowed the same extra compensation that was allowed at the end of the second session of the twentieth Congress.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 124,) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Noble, deceased," made a verbal report thereon, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 137,) entitled "An act to create the office of Surveyor of the public lands in the State of Louisiana," reported the same with an amendment.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 70,) entitled "An act for the relief of certain holders of certificates issued in lieu of lands injured by earthquakes in Missouri," reported the same with an amendment.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 33,) entitled "An act to authorize the inhabitants of Louisiana to enter the back lands," made a verbal report thereon, recommending that said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 144,) entitled "An act confirming the claim of John B. Touhmin to a lot in the city of Mobile," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Sterigere, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 158,) entitled "An act to authorize the executor of Stephen Tippet to locate a tract of land in the State of Louisiana," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Verplanck, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 145,) entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties," reported the same with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 171,) entitled "An act for the relief of the mother of Fitz Henry Babbitt, late a lieutenant of the navy of the United States," made a report thereon, recommending that said bill be rejected.

*Ordered,* That said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 109,) entitled "An act for the relief of Sophia Gardner," made a report thereon, recommending that said bill be rejected.

*Ordered,* That said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the memorial of John Watson, of Connecticut; which report was laid on the table.

Mr. Polk, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Joseph Emerson; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Bell, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the memorial of a deputation of the Creek Indians, claiming indemnity for property alleged to have been taken or destroyed by citizens of Georgia, made an unfavorable report thereon; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 119,) entitled "An act for the relief of James Belger," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 117,) entitled "An act for the relief of William Delzell, of Ohio," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Trezvant, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 160,) entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Cleer, of Maryland," made a verbal report thereon, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

Mr. Letcher, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 152,) entitled "An act confirming the selections heretofore made of lands for the construction of the Michigan road in the State of Indiana," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. White, of Louisiana, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 22,) entitled "An act for the relief of Beverly Chew, the heirs of William Emerson, deceased, and the heirs of Edwin Lorraine, deceased," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Mr. White, of Louisiana, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 136,) entitled "An act for the relief of John Culbertson, and to provide an interpreter for the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Mr. White, of Louisiana, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 128,) entitled "An act to extend the patent of John Adamson for a further period of fourteen years," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Potter, from the committee appointed on the 1st of February upon the subject of rules and orders for conducting the business of the House, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to prepare for the use of the House a compilation of the rules of this House, noting the date of the adoption of each rule, and, immediately following such rule, such decisions, if any, as have been made under the same; and, also, stating what rules are incompatible with each other; and that the same be printed.

The resolution being read,

Mr. Mercer moved to add thereto the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the following rule be reported by the Clerk, and printed, as a proposed amendment:

"Whenever any amendment of any bill, resolution, or other proposition before the House, shall be depending, it shall be in order to move that the sense of the House be taken thereon without debate; and, if such motion be seconded, and carried by a majority of the House, the question shall be put forthwith on the amendment, without debate; and so, in like manner, with regard to any amendment of an amendment: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall prevent the previous question from being put and carried to the exclusion of the amendment, if such be the pleasure of the House; but in no case shall the rejection of any such motion, or the previous question after being seconded, have the effect of postponing any motion or question to another day."

The amendment being read, it was,

On motion of Mr. Condict,

*Ordered*, That the subject do lie on the table.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That an additional member be appointed of the Committee for Enrolled Bills on the part of this House.

This resolution was agreed to by the House,

And Mr. Forward was appointed.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution proposed by Mr. Haynes on the 11th of January, proposing to reduce the duty on sugar;

And after further debate, the hour allotted by the rules expired, and the discussion was suspended.

Mr. Hoffman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 118,) entitled "An act for the relief of William D. Acken," made a verbal report thereon, recommending that said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 100,) entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois;" and the amendments reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House, yesterday, were read, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Irwin, of Pennsylvania, then moved further to amend the said bill, by adding thereto the following section:

*And be it further enacted*, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of repairing the Cumberland road east of Wheeling.

And the question being put to agree to this amendment,

It was decided in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Pettis further to amend the said bill, by adding thereto the following section:

*And be it further enacted,* That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, for locating the said road westwardly from the town of Vandalia, according to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 3d of March, 1825; which location shall be made under the direction of the President of the United States.

And the question being put to agree to this amendment,

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Duncan then moved to amend the said bill by adding thereto the following section:

*And be it further enacted,* That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, for locating the Cumberland road westwardly from the town of Vandalia to the Mississippi river, at the town of Alton, in the State of Illinois; which location shall be made under the direction of the President of the United States.

And the question being put to agree to this amendment,

It was decided in the negative.

The question then recurred on the third reading of said bill;

And, after debate thereon,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Polk; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, viz: Shall the said bill be read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of this House, (No. 620) entitled "An act declaratory of the law concerning contempts of court," with an amendment, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House: the Senate have, also, passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

No. 330. An act to provide for the final settlement and adjustment of the various claims preferred by James Monroe against the United States;

No. 349. An act for the relief of Richard Smith, and William Pearse, the second, of Bristol, Rhode Island;

No. 529. An act for the relief of Daniel Jackson, and Lucius M. Higgins, of Newbern, North Carolina.

And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the message from the Senate asking a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the subject matter of an amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill (No. 528) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831;" whereupon, it was

*"Resolved,* That this House do agree to grant the conference asked by the Senate, and that four managers be appointed to conduct the same on the part of this House;

And Mr. Verplanck, Mr. Drayton, Mr. Spencer, of New York, and Mr. Wayne, were appointed the said managers.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 560) entitled "An act making appropriations for the Indian Department for the year 1831;" when it was

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 645) entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications during the year 1831," were read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 539) entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1831," were read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The amendment of the Senate to the bill (No. 620) entitled "An act declaratory of the law concerning contempts of court," was read, amended, and agreed to by the House as amended.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 100,) entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois," was read the third time as amended by this House;

And on the question, Shall the said bill pass?

It passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	89,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	65.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John S. Barbour, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Blair, Ratliff Boon, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, Thomas Chilton, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Henry Daniel, John Davis, Harmar Denny, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Benjamin O. Howard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Ralph I. Ingersoll, Thomas Irwin, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, William Kennon, John Kincaid, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Chittenden Lyon, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, William McCreery, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Robert S. Rose, William Russel, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, William Stanberry, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Philander Stephens, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Ephraim K. Wilson, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—89.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, James Blair, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broad.

head, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Henry W. Conner, Jacob Crocheron, Thomas Davenport, Edmund Deberry, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Jonas Earll, jr., William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Henry Hubbard, Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, Pryor Lea, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, Wilson Lumpkin, John Magee, Thomas Maxwell, William McCoy, William T. Nuckolls, John M. Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, Jesse Speight, Richard Spencer, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, and Lewis Williams.—65.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the amendments to said bill.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict reported

The concurrence of the committee in the first, second, and fourth of the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 539) entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service for the year 1831;" their concurrence in the fifth of said amendments, with an amendment; and their disagreement to the third of said amendments;

The concurrence of the committee in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (No. 560) entitled "An act making appropriations for the Indian Department for the year 1831;"

And the concurrence of the committee in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 645) entitled "An act to carry into effect certain Indian treaties."

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole House on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 539) making appropriations for the military service for the year 1831;" when it was

*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the first, second, and fourth of the amendments of the Senate to the said bill; that they do not concur in the third amendment; and that they do concur in the fifth amendment of the Senate to the said bill, with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 645) entitled "An act to carry into effect certain Indian treaties," were then read, as follows:

Strike out the following words: "the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, heretofore appropriated by act of 28th of May, 1830," and insert "any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated;" so that the sum of 80,248 dollars, appropriated in said bill for carrying into effect the treaty with the Choctaw Indians, concluded at Dancing Rabbit creek on the 15th September, 1830, shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and not out of the sum of five hundred thousand dollars heretofore appropriated by act of May 28, 1830.

And on the question, Will the House concur with the Senate in this amendment?

It passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	92,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	72.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, Willis Alston, John Anderson, William G. Angel, William S. Archer, Robert W. Barnwell, Robert E. B. Baylor, John Bell, John Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Broadhead, Elias Brown, James Buchanan, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Clement C. Clay, Nicholas D. Coleman, Henry W. Conner, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, William Drayton, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, William F. Gordon, Thomas H. Hall, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrle, jr., William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Wilson Lumpkin, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, William McCoy, Rufus McIntire, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, Spencer Pettis, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, William Ramsey, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, James Shields, Samuel A. Smith, Richard Spencer, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, James Trezvant, Starling Tucker, Gulian C. Verplanck, James M. Wayne, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Joel Yancey.—92.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Thomas Chilton, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin B. Crowninshield, John Davis, Edmund Deberry, Harmar Denny, John D. Dickinson, Joseph Draper, Edward B. Dudley, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, James L. Hodges, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Kensey Johns, jr., Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, William Russel, Augustine H. Shepperd, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, William Stanberry, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Lewis Williams, and Ebenezer Young.—72.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 560) entitled "An act making appropriations for the Indian Department for the year 1831," were read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 60,) entitled "An act to provide for the payment of Joshua Kennedy, of Alabama, for the losses sustained by him by

the destruction of his property, in the year 1813, by the hostile Creek Indians, in consequence of its having been occupied as a fort or garrison by the troops of the United States," made a report thereon, recommending that said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 135,) entitled "An act for the relief of John Nicks," reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Mr. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 168,) entitled "An act for the relief of John Nicholson," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Spencer, of New York, reported the bill from the Senate, (No. 145,) entitled "An act making an appropriation for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties," with an amendment; and the bill from the Senate, (No. 125) entitled "An act granting a quantity of land to the Territory of Arkansas, for the erection of a public building at the seat of government of said Territory," without amendment.

The amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to the bill (No. 145) entitled "An act making an appropriation for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties," was read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the amendment be engrossed, and that the said bill be read a third time to-day.

*Ordered*, That the bill from the Senate, (No. 125,) entitled "An act granting a quantity of land to the Territory of Arkansas, for the erection of a public building at the seat of government of said Territory," be read a third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (No. 620) entitled "An act declaratory of the law concerning contempts of court;" the Senate have, also, concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (No. 100) entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois."

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Verplanck, from the managers appointed to conduct the conference between the two Houses on the disagreeing votes on an amendment of the Senate to the bill (No. 528) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831," made a report;

And then, being half past 4 o'clock P. M. the House took a recess until half past 6 o'clock P. M.

HALF PAST SIX O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. Richardson, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:



No. 298. An act for the relief of the citizens of Shawneetown;

No. 339. An act for the punishment of crimes in the District of Columbia;

No. 431. An act for the relief of William Clower;

No. 542. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase an additional quantity of land for the fortifications at fort Washington, upon the river Potomac;

No. 545. An act making appropriations for certain fortifications during the year 1831; .

No. 588. An act for the sale of the lands in the State of Illinois reserved for the use of the salt springs on the Vermillion river, in that State;

No. 634. An act for the relief of certain importers of foreign merchandise;

No. 80. An act for the relief of James Sprague;

No. 107. An act for the relief of Thomas Porter, of Indiana.

Mr. Richardson, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 531. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year 1831;

No. 407. An act making appropriations for the public buildings, and for other purposes;

No. 513. An act to extend the act entitled "An act for the further extending the powers of the Judges of the Superior Court of the Territory of Arkansas, under the act of the 26th day of May, 1824," and for other purposes;

No. 652. An act making provision for a subscription to a compilation of congressional documents;

No. 330. An act to provide for the final settlement and adjustment of the various claims preferred by James Monroe against the United States;

No. 349. An act for the relief of Richard Smith, and William Pearce, the second, of Bristol, in Rhode Island;

No. 529. An act for the relief of Daniel Jackson and Lucius M. Higgins, of Newbern, in North Carolina;

No. 517. An act to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, into and within the District of Columbia;

No. 602. An act for the relief of Clarissa B. Harrison;

No. 336. An act for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States;

No. 654. An act to provide for the punishment of offences committed in cutting, destroying, or removing live oak and other timber or trees reserved for naval purposes;

No. 520. An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places;

No. 40. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Peter Celestino Walker and John Peter Walker, deceased, and of Joseph Walker, of the State of Mississippi;

No. 138. An act to repeal the act to establish the district of Blakely;

No. 165. An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio hereinafter recited;

Resolution directing the Secretary of State to subscribe for seventy copies of Peters's condensed reports of decisions of the Supreme Court.

Mr. McIntire, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 86,) entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Lobdell," made a verbal report thereon, recommending that the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Mr. McIntire, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of General Samuel Caldwell; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the message from the President of the United States transmitting the correspondence between the Danish minister and the Secretary of State, concerning the commerce between the United States and the island of St. Croix, made a report; which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred memorials of the chambers of commerce of Philadelphia, and of Charleston, in South Carolina, and of merchants of Wilmington, North Carolina, upon the subject of the duties imposed on tonnage and imports in the island of Cuba, and the duty imposed on rice in Portugal, made a report; which was read: when it was

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of these memorials, and that they be referred to the President of the United States.

Mr. Cambreleng, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, (No. 131,) entitled "An act concerning vessels employed in the whale fishery," reported the same without amendment.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 145,) entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties," was read the third time, and passed, with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the amendments to the said bill.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 125,) entitled "An act granting a quantity of land to the Territory of Arkansas, for the erection of a public building at the seat of government of said Territory," was read the third time, and passed.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 137,) entitled "An act to create the office of surveyor of the public lands for the State of Louisiana;" and amendments being made to the same, it was

*Ordered*, That the amendments be engrossed, and that the bill be read a third time to-day.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 73) entitled "An act for the relief of Hugh Barnes;" when it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 620. An act declaratory of the law concerning contempts of court;

No. 645. An act to carry into effect certain Indian treaties;

No. 560. An act making appropriations for the Indian Department for the year 1831.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 70,) entitled "An act for the relief of certain holders of certificates issued in lieu of lands injured by earthquakes in Missouri;" and amendments being made thereto, it was

*Ordered*, That the amendments be engrossed, and that the bill be read a third time to-day.

The House proceeded to the consideration of bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 144. An act confirming the claim of John B. Toulmin to a lot in the city of Mobile;

No. 158. An act to authorize the executor of Stephen Tippet to locate a tract of land in the State of Louisiana;

No. 119. An act for the relief of James Belger;

No. 117. An act for the relief of William Delzell, of Ohio;

No. 160. An act for the relief of Peter Cleer, of Maryland;

No. 152. An act confirming the selections heretofore made of lands for the construction of the Michigan road in the State of Indiana;

No. 128. An act to extend the patent of John Adamson for a further period of fourteen years;

and the said bills having been read, it was

*Ordered*, That they be, severally, read a third time to-day.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 126,) entitled "An act supplementary to the act to reduce the duty on salt:" when

A motion was made by Mr. McDuffie to strike out the second and third sections of the said bill; which motion he subsequently withdrew.

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller to amend the said bill by inserting in the second section thereof these words: "and which still remains unsold by the importer or importers thereof;" so as that salt which has been put into custom-house stores under the bond of the importer, and remained under the control of officers of the customs on the 31st December, 1830, and which still remains unsold by the importer or importers thereof, shall be subject to no higher duty than if the same were imported after the 31st December, 1830.

And after debate on this amendment, it was,

On motion of Mr. Whittlesey,

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 64,) entitled "An act supplemental to an act granting the right of pre-emption to settlers on the public lands, approved the 29th day of May, 1830;"

And after debate on the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on the Public Lands, it was,

On motion of Mr. Hunt,

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Subsequently, Mr. Hunt moved to reconsider this order; which motion to reconsider was also laid on the table.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 56,) entitled "An act supplementary to the several laws for the sale of the public lands;" and after debate on the said bill, it was,

On motion of Mr. Williams,

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 516) entitled "An act to ascertain and mark the line between the State of Alabama and the Territory of Florida, and for other purposes;" and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Irvin, of Ohio, reported the agreement of the committee to the said amendments.

The said amendments were then again read: when

A motion was made by Mr. Wilde to amend the same by adding thereto the following additional sections:

SEC. . *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, in conjunction with the constituted authorities of the State of Georgia, to cause to be run and distinctly marked the line dividing the Territory of Florida from the State of Georgia, from the junction of the rivers Chattahoochie and Flint to the head of St. Mary's river, according to the second article of the treaty of the 22d of October, 1795, between the United States and Spain; and for that purpose he is authorized to appoint a commissioner or surveyor, or both, as in his opinion may be necessary.

SEC. . *And be it further enacted*, That, if the commissioner on the part of the United States, and the commissioner on the part of the State of Georgia, should find it impossible to agree upon the true line, they shall propose, adjust, and recommend to their respective Governments, the terms and conditions on which the said disputed line ought to be fully and finally settled; and, in that event, the President of the United States is hereby authorized to make immediate arrangements with the proper authorities of the State of Georgia for amicably terminating said dispute by the appointment of an arbitrator to decide the question, or in such other mode as may be deemed most expedient by the President and the State of Georgia.

SEC. . *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the act of the 4th of May, 1826, on the subject of the said dividing line, as provides that the same shall be run and marked straight from the junction of the rivers Chattahoochie and Flint, to the point designated as the head of the St. Mary's river by the commissioners appointed under the third article of the treaty of friendship, limits, and navigation, between the United States of America and the King of Spain, made at San Lorenzo et Real, on the 27th of October, 1795, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

SEC. . *And be it further enacted*, That there be appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expense of effecting the objects aforesaid, the sum of five thousand dollars, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

And the question being put to agree to this amendment,

It was decided in the negative.

The amendments of the Senate to the said bill were then concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles:

No. 100. An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois;

No. 125. An act granting a quantity of land to the Territory of Arkansas for the erection of a public building at the seat of government of said Territory.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that the statements of the commerce and navigation of the United States for the year ending on

the 30th September, 1830, have not been completed, owing to the want of the return of imports from the district of New York; but that, as soon as the statements are prepared, they will be transmitted to the Clerk; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

II. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting an abstract of the returns made to his Department of the registered seamen of the United States for the year 1830, and an abstract of all the passengers on ship-board, who arrived in the United States from foreign countries during the year 1830; which letter and abstracts were laid on the table.

III. A letter from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting copies of the accounts of his office from 1st April, 1829, to 30th June, 1830; which letter and accounts were laid on the table.

IV. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a list of all the officers employed in the civil department of the Government who have been allowed any other compensation than the pay or salary fixed by law, the amount of such salary and allowance, and for what service allowed, and the authority for the allowance, for the years 1828 and 1829; the names of all persons employed during the years aforesaid whose salary is not regulated by law, but whose compensation depends upon executive regulation or discretion, the nature of the service, the amount of compensation, and the authority upon which it has been made; prepared in obedience to the order of the House of the 4th February, 1830; which letter and lists were laid on the table.

V. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the expenditures at the United States' armories, and of the arms, &c., manufactured therein, during the year 1830; which letter and statement were laid on the table.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 26. An act to authorize the State of Illinois to surrender a township of land granted to said State for a seminary of learning, and to locate other land in lieu thereof;

No. 49. An act for the relief of Jacob N. Cardozo;

No. 3. An act for the relief of Simeon C. Whittier;

No. 76. An act for the relief of John Daly, late of Canada;

No. 116. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Cheever and others;

No. 27. An act for the relief of Henry Becker;

No. 11. An act for the relief of George Johnston;

No. 32. An act to rectify the mistake in the name of William Tumey, an invalid pensioner;

No. 8. An act for the relief of Lucien Harper;

No. 30. An act for the relief of Samuel Nowell;

No. 2. An act to provide for the further compensation of the Marshal of the district of Rhode Island;

No. 42. An act for the relief of Jonathan Crocker;

No. 20. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Rollins;

No. 75. An act for the relief of Peters and Pond;

No. 19. An act for the relief of Joseph E. Sprague;

No. 84. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel McIn-tire, deceased;

No. 74. An act to authorize the Territory of Florida to open a canal through the public lands between Chipola river and St. Andrew's bay, in West Florida;

and, after some time spent in Committee of the Whole, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Huntington reported the said bills without amendment, except the bill (No. 74) to authorize the Territory of Florida to open a canal through the public lands between Chipola river and St. Andrew's bay, in West Florida; which bill he reported with an amendment; which amendment was read, and concurred in by the House; and it was then

*Ordered*, That the said bills, except that (No. 75) for the relief of Peters and Pond, be, severally, read a third time to-day.

A motion was then made by Mr. Polk, that the bill (No. 75) for the relief of Peters and Pond do lie on the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

The question, Shall the said bill be read a third time? recurred;

And, after debate thereon,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Sutherland; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, viz: Shall the said bill be read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have agreed to the report of the managers appointed to conduct the conference between the two Houses on their disagreeing votes on certain amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 528) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831;" and have resolved that the said bill do pass, with their amendments thereto modified accordingly.

The Senate have concurred in the amendment of this House to their 5th amendment to the bill (No. 549) entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service for the year 1831;" and they recede from their third amendment to said bill.

The Senate have concurred in the amendment of this House to the bill from the Senate, (No. 145,) entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties."

I am directed to inform this House that the Senate have appointed Mr. Robinson, of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, in the place of Mr. Brown, excused. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 531. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year 1831.

No. 513. An act to extend the act entitled "An act for the further extending the powers of the Judges of the superior court of the Territory of Arkansas, under the act of the 26th day of May, 1824," and for other purposes.

No. 652. An act making provision for a subscription to a compilation of congressional documents.

No. 407. An act making appropriations for the public buildings, and for other purposes.

No. 330. An act to provide for the final settlement and adjustment of the various claims preferred by James Monroe against the United States.

No. 349. An act for the relief of Richard Smith, and William Pearce, the second, of Bristol, Rhode Island.

No. 529. An act for the relief of Daniel Jackson and Lucius M. Higgins, of Newbern, in North Carolina.

No. 336. An act for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States.

No. 654. An act to provide for the punishment of offences committed in cutting, destroying, or removing live oak and other timber or trees reserved for naval purposes.

No. 517. An act to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road into and within the District of Columbia.

No. 602. An act for the relief of Clarissa B. Harrison.

No. 560. An act making appropriations for the Indian Department for the year 1831.

No. 520. An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places.

No. 645. An act to carry into effect certain Indian treaties.

No. 620. An act declaratory of the law concerning contempts of court.

No. 138. An act to repeal the act to establish the district of Blakely.

No. 40. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Peter Celestino Walker and John Peter Walker, deceased, and of Joseph Walker, of the State of Mississippi.

No. 165. An act declaratory of the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio hereinafter recited.

No. 100. An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

No. 125. An act granting a quantity of land to the Territory of Arkansas, for the erection of a public building at the seat of government of said Territory.

Resolution directing the Secretary of State to subscribe for seventy copies of Peters's condensed reports of decisions of the Supreme Court.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

No. 584. An act making appropriations for carrying on certain roads and works of internal improvement, and providing for surveys;

No. 376. An act to regulate the foreign and coasting trade on the northern and northwestern frontiers of the United States, and for other purposes; with amendments to each; in which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have, also, passed the bill of this House, (No. 566,) entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors, and removing obstructions in the mouths of certain rivers."

The Senate have concurred in the amendment of this House to the bill (No. 9) entitled "An act to establish ports of delivery at Port Pontchartrain and Delaware City." And then he withdrew.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, viz:

No. 74. An act to authorize the Territory of Florida to open a canal through the public lands between Chipola river and St. Andrew's bay, in West Florida, with an amendment;

No. 137. An act to create the office of surveyor of the public lands for the State of Louisiana, with an amendment;

No. 73. An act for the relief of Hugh Barnes;

No. 70. An act for the relief of certain holders of certificates issued in lieu of lands injured by earthquakes in Missouri, with an amendment;

No. 144. An act confirming the claim of John B. Toulmin to a lot in the city of Mobile;

No. 158. An act to authorize the executor of Stephen Tippet to locate a tract of land in the State of Louisiana;

No. 8. An act for the relief of Lucien Harper;

No. 119. An act for the relief of James Belger;

No. 117. An act for the relief of William Delzell, of Ohio;

No. 160. An act for the relief of Peter Cleer, of Maryland;

No. 152. An act confirming the selections heretofore made of lands for the construction of the Michigan road in the State of Indiana;

No. 128. An act to extend the patent of John Adamson for a further period of fourteen years;

No. 30. An act for the relief of Samuel Nowell;

No. 20. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Rollins;

No. 84. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel McIntire, deceased;

No. 42. An act for the relief of Jonathan Crocker;

No. 2. An act to provide for the further compensation of the marshal of the district of Rhode Island;

No. 19. An act for the relief of Joseph E. Sprague;

No. 32. An act to rectify the mistake in the name of William Tumey, an invalid pensioner;

No. 11. An act for the relief of George Johnston;

No. 27. An act for the relief of Henry Becker;

No. 76. An act for the relief of John Daly, late of Canada;

No. 49. An act for the relief of Jacob N. Cardozo;

No. 116. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Cheever and others;

No. 3. An act for the relief of Simeon C. Whittier;

No. 26. An act to authorize the State of Illinois to surrender a township of land granted to said State for a seminary of learning, and to locate other land in lieu thereof;

were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 75,) entitled "An act for the relief of Peters and Pond," was read the third time;

And after debate thereon,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Storrs, of New York; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 77,  
Nays, . . . . . 60.



The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William G. Angel, William Armstrong, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, James Buchanan, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, David Crockett, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Harmar Denny, Joseph E. Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, Isaac Finch, George Grennell, jr., Henry H. Gurley, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Thomas Hinds, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, Perkins King, Chittenden Lyon, Henry C. Martindale, Lewis Maxwell, Charles F. Mercer, George E. Mitchell, Dutce J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Isaac Pierson, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, William Russel, Thomas H. Sill, Ambrose Spencer, Henry R. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Samuel Swan, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Richard H. Wilde, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—77.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Robert Allen, John S. Barbour, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Peter I. Borst, Thomas T. Bouldin, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Charles G. De Witt, William Drayton, Edward B. Dudley, Jonas Earll, jr., James Findlay, Joseph Fry, William F. Gordon, Jehiel H. Halsey, Henry Hubbard, Peter Ihrie, jr., Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Thomas Maxwell, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William T. Nuckolls, John M. Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, Samuel A. Smith, Jesse Speight, James Standefer, John B. Sterigere, John Taliaferro, Wiley Thompson, John Thomson, Starling Tucker, James M. Wayne, Charles A. Wickliffe, Lewis Williams, and Joel Yancey.—60.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the report of the managers appointed to conduct the conference between the two Houses on the disagreeing votes on the subject matter of certain amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 528) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831:" whereupon, it was

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the amendments of the Senate as modified by the said report, and that the said bill do pass accordingly.

*And so the said bill was finally passed by both Houses.*

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 584) entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying on certain roads and works of internal improvement, and providing for surveys," were read, and concurred in, by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 145. An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;

No. 9. An act to establish ports of delivery at Port Pontchartain and Delaware City, and for other purposes;

No. 566. An act making additional appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors, and removing obstructions in the mouths of certain rivers;

No. 516. An act to ascertain and mark the line between the State of Alabama and the Territory of Florida, and the northern boundary of the State of Illinois, and for other purposes;

No. 528. An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831;

No. 539. An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;

No. 2. An act to provide for the further compensation of the Marshal of the district of Rhode Island;

No. 3. An act for the relief of Simeon C. Whittier;

No. 8. An act for the relief of Lucien Harper;

No. 11. An act for the relief of George Johnston;

No. 19. An act for the relief of Joseph E. Sprague;

No. 20. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Rollins;

No. 27. An act for the relief of Henry Becker;

No. 30. An act for the relief of Samuel Nowell;

and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Mr. Richardson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States*, That the 17th joint rule of the two Houses, which declares that

*“No bill or resolution that shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate shall be presented to the President of the United States for his approbation on the last day of the session,”*

be suspended.

The said resolution being read,

The Speaker decided, that, under the 17th rule of the House, it was not in order for the Committee for Enrolled Bills to make report at this period of the day of any matter, except the examination and presentation of bills.

Mr. Sutherland appealed from the decision of the Chair, on the ground that, by the 105th rule of the House, it is declared that “It shall be in order for the Committee for Enrolled Bills to report *at any time*.”

And on the question, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

It passed in the affirmative.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 376) entitled, “An act to regulate the foreign and coasting trade on the northern and northwestern frontiers of the United States, and for other purposes,” were read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 137. An act to create the office of Surveyor of the public lands for the State of Louisiana;

No. 70. An act for the relief of certain holders of certificates issued in lieu of lands injured by earthquakes in Missouri;

No. 74. An act to authorize the Territory of Florida to open a canal through the public lands between Chipola river and St. Andrew's bay, in West Florida.

The Senate have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, viz:

No. 286. An act for the relief of William T. Carroll, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States;

No. 334. An act to incorporate a fire insurance company in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.

And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 77. An act for the relief of Antoine Dequindre, and the legal representatives of Louis Dequindre, deceased.

No. 168. An act for the relief of John Nicholson;

No. 136. An act for the relief of John Culbertson, and to provide an interpreter for the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana;

No. 22. An act for the relief of Beverly Chew, the heirs of William Emerson, deceased, and the heirs of Edwin Lorraine, deceased;

No. 93. An act for the relief of Duval and Carnes;

No. 102. An act for the relief of Brevet Major Riley and Lieutenants Brook and Seawright;

No. 82. An act for the relief of William B. Matthews, trustee;

No. 62. An act for the relief of Woodson Wren, of Mississippi;

No. 67. An act granting a pension to Martin Miller;

No. 115. An act for the relief of the heirs and executors of Thomas Worthington, deceased;

No. 106. An act to extend the patent of Samuel Browning for a further period of fourteen years;

No. 91. An act for the relief of Benjamin S. Smoot, of Alabama;

No. 7. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of General Moses Hazen, deceased;

No. 135. An act for the relief of John Nicks;

No. 66. An act for the relief of Joseph S. Cannon;

No. 58. An act for the relief of James Thomas, late Quartermaster General of the army of the United States;

No. 90. An act for the relief of George B. Dameron and William Howze, of Mississippi;

and, after some time spent in Committee of the Whole, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the said bills without amendment, except those for the relief of the representatives of Moses Hazen, for the relief of John Nicks, for the relief of Joseph S. Cannon, for the relief of James Thomas, and for the relief of George B. Dameron and William Howze, to which bills he reported amendments; which amendments were subsequently read, and concurred in by the House. It was then

*Ordered*, That said bills so reported from the Committee of the Whole, except the bill (No. 115) for the relief of the heirs and executors of Thomas Worthington, deceased, be severally read a third time to-day.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 115) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs and executors of Thomas Worthington, deceased;"

And on the question, "Shall the said bill be read a third time?"

It passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas, . . . . .	55,
	{ Nays, . . . . .	52.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Robert W. Barnwell, Thomas Beekman, John Blair, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coulter, Joseph H. Crane, William Creighton, jr., John Davis, Harmar Denny, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Thomas F. Foster, William F. Gordon, Thomas Hinds, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Chittenden Lyon, George McDuffie, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, William T. Nuckolls, Dutee J. Pearce, Isaac Pierson, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, Thomas H. Sill, Joel B. Sutherland, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Lewis Williams, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—55.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, James Buchanan, William Cahoon, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Richard Coke, jr., Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Joseph Duncan, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joseph Fry, Jehiel H. Halsey, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Jabez W. Huntington, Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Spencer Pettis, John Reed, John Scott, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, John B. Sterigere, Benjamin Swift, Elisha Whittlesey, Charles A. Wickliffe, and Richard H. Wilde.—52.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

Mr. Shields, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 74. An act to authorize the Territory of Florida to open a canal through the public lands between Chipola river and St. Andrew's bay, in West Florida;

No. 32. An act to rectify the mistake in the name of William Tumey, an invalid pensioner;

No. 42. An act for the relief of Jonathan Crocker;

No. 49. An act for the relief of Jacob N. Cardozo;

No. 70. An act for the relief of certain holders of certificates issued in lieu of lands injured by earthquakes in Missouri;

No. 76. An act for the relief of John Daly, late of Canada;

No. 84. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel McIntire, deceased;

No. 116. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Cheever and others;

No. 117. An act for the relief of William Delzell, of Ohio;

No. 119. An act for the relief of James Belger;

No. 128. An act to extend the patent of John Adamson for a further period of fourteen years;

No. 144. An act confirming the claim of John B. Toulmin to a lot in the city of Mobile;

No. 152. An act confirming the selections heretofore made of lands for the construction of the Michigan road in the State of Indiana;

No. 158. An act to authorize the executor of Stephen Tippet to locate a tract of land in the State of Louisiana;

No. 160. An act for the relief of Peter Cleer, of Maryland; and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, viz:

No. 168. An act for the relief of John Nicholson;

No. 136. An act for the relief of John Culbertson, and to provide an interpreter for the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana;

No. 22. An act for the relief of Beverly Chew, the heirs of William Emerson, deceased, and the heirs of Edwin Lorraine, deceased;

No. 93. An act for the relief of Duval and Carnes;

No. 102. An act for the relief of Brevet Major Riley, and Lieutenants Brook and Seawright;

No. 82. An act for the relief of William B. Matthews, trustee;

No. 62. An act for the relief of Woodson Wren, of Mississippi;

No. 67. An act granting a pension to Martin Miller;

No. 77. An act for the relief of Antoine Dequindre, and the legal representatives of Louis Dequindre, deceased;

No. 106. An act to extend the patent of Samuel Browning for a further period of fourteen years;

No. 91. An act for the relief of Benjamin S. Smoot, of Alabama; were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Richardson, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 584. An act making appropriations for carrying on certain roads and works of internal improvement, and providing for surveys.

No. 334. An act to incorporate a fire insurance company in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.

No. 286. An act for the relief of William T. Carroll, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States.

No. 376. An act to regulate the foreign and coasting trade on the northern and northwestern frontiers of the United States, and for other purposes.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

No. 609. An act making appropriations for building light-houses, light-boats, beacons, and monuments, and placing buoys;

No. 541. An act for the relief of Percis Lovely;

with amendments to each; in which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 131,) entitled "An act concerning vessels employed in the whale fishery;" when it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was then read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill of this House, (No. 617,) entitled "An act for the relief of Christopher Bechtler." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Richardson, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 26. An act to authorize the State of Illinois to surrender a township of land granted to said State for a seminary of learning, and to locate other land in lieu thereof;

No. 75. An act for the relief of Peters and Pond;

No. 22. An act for the relief of Beverly Chew, the heirs of William Emerson, deceased, and the heirs of Edwin Lorraine, deceased;

No. 62. An act for the relief of Woodson Wren, of Mississippi;

No. 67. An act granting a pension to Martin Miller;

No. 77. An act for the relief of Antoine Dequindre, and the legal representatives of Louis Dequindre, deceased;

No. 82. An act for the relief of William B. Matthews, trustee;

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No. 93. An act for the relief of Duval and Carnes;

No. 102. An act for the relief of Brevet Major Riley, and Lieutenants Brook and Seawright;

No. 106. An act to extend the patent of Samuel Browning for a further period of fourteen years;

No. 131. An act concerning vessels employed in the whale fishery;

No. 136. An act for the relief of John Culbertson, and to provide an interpreter for the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana;

No. 137. An act to create the office of surveyor of the public lands for the State of Louisiana;

No. 168. An act for the relief of John Nicholson;

No. 617. An act for the relief of Christopher Bechtler;

No. 73. An act for the relief of Hugh Barnes;

and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Mr. Richardson, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 286. An act for the relief of William T. Carroll, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States.

No. 334. An act to incorporate a fire insurance company in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.

No. 376. An act to regulate the foreign and coasting trade on the northern, northeastern, and northwestern frontiers of the United States, and for other purposes;

No. 516. An act to ascertain and mark the line between the State of Alabama and the Territory of Florida, and the northern boundary of the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

No. 528. An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1831.

No. 539. An act making appropriations for the military service for the year 1831;

No. 566. An act making additional appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors, and removing obstructions in the mouths of certain rivers.

No. 584. An act making appropriations for carrying on certain roads and works of internal improvement, and providing for surveys.

No. 617. An act for the relief of Christopher Bechtler.

No. 2. An act to provide for the further compensation of the Marshal of the district of Rhode Island.

No. 3. An act for the relief of Simeon C. Whittier.

No. 8. An act for the relief of Lucien Harper.

No. 9. An act to establish ports of delivery at Port Pontchartrain and Delaware City.

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No. 160. An act for the relief of Peter Cleer, of Maryland.

No. 168. An act for the relief of John Nicholson.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign;

No. 431. An act for the relief of William Clower.

No. 298. An act for the relief of the citizens of Shawneetown.

No. 339. An act for the punishment of crimes in the District of Columbia.

No. 634. An act for the relief of certain importers of foreign merchandise.

No. 542. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase an additional quantity of land for the fortifications at fort Washington, upon the river Potomac.

No. 545. An act making appropriations for certain fortifications during the year 1831.

No. 588. An act for the sale of the lands in the State of Illinois reserved for the use of the salt springs on the Vermillion river, in that State.

No. 330. An act to provide for the final settlement and adjustment of the various claims preferred by James Monroe against the United States.

No. 529. An act for the relief of Daniel Jackson and Lucius M. Higgins, of Newbern, in North Carolina.

No. 349. An act for the relief of Richard Smith, and William Pearse, the second, of Bristol, Rhode Island.

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No. 376. An act to regulate the foreign and coasting trade on the northern, northeastern, and northwestern frontiers of the United States, and for other purposes.

No. 334. An act to incorporate a fire insurance company in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.

No. 584. An act making appropriations for carrying on certain roads and works of internal improvement, and providing for surveys.

No. 566. An act making additional appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors, and removing obstructions in the mouths of certain rivers.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have been notified by the President of the United States that he did, this day, approve and sign—

No. 125. An act granting a quantity of land to the Territory of Arkansas for the erection of a public building at the seat of government of said Territory.

No. 654. An act to provide for the punishment of offences committed in cutting, destroying, or removing live oak and other timber or trees, reserved for naval purposes.

No. 477. An act making appropriations for the public buildings, and for other purposes.

No. 300. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Peter Celestino Walker and John Peter Walker, deceased, and of Joseph Walker, of the State of Mississippi.

Resolution directing the Secretary of State to subscribe for seventy copies of Peters's condensed reports of decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States.

No. 138. An act to repeal the act to establish the district of Blakely.

No. 100. An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

No. 165. An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio hereinafter recited.

- No. 107. An act for the relief of Thomas Porter, of Indiana.
- No. 80. An act for the relief of James Sprague.
- No. 158. An act to authorize the executor of Stephen Tippet to locate a tract of land in the State of Louisiana.
- No. 128. An act to extend the patent of John Adamson for a further period of fourteen years.
- No. 144. An act confirming the claim of John B. Toulmin to a lot in the city of Mobile.
- No. 152. An act confirming the selections heretofore made of lands for the construction of the Michigan road in the State of Indiana.
- No. 24. An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties.
- No. 119. An act for the relief of James Belger.
- No. 160. An act for the relief of Peter Cleer, of Maryland.
- No. 9. An act to establish ports of delivery at Port Pontchartrain and Delaware City, and for other purposes.
- No. 11. An act for the relief of George Johnston.
- No. 73. An act for the relief of Hugh Barnes.
- No. 49. An act for the relief of J. N. Cardozo.
- No. 2. An act to provide for the further compensation of the Marshal of the district of Rhode Island.
- No. 3. An act for the relief of Simeon C. Whittier.
- No. 8. An act for the relief of Lucien Harper.
- No. 26. An act to authorize the State of Illinois to surrender a township of land granted to said State for a seminary of learning, and to locate other land in lieu thereof.
- No. 116. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Cheever and others.
- No. 30. An act for the relief of Samuel Nowell.
- No. 75. An act for the relief of Peters and Pond.
- No. 27. An act for the relief of Henry Becker.
- No. 42. An act for the relief of Jonathan Crocker.
- No. 32. An act to rectify the mistake in the name of William Tumey, an invalid pensioner.
- No. 84. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel McIntire, deceased.
- No. 20. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Rollins.
- No. 19. An act for the relief of Joseph E. Sprague.
- No. 117. An act for the relief of William Delzell, of Ohio.
- No. 76. An act for the relief of John Daly, late of Canada.
- No. 70. An act for the relief of certain holders of certificates issued in lieu of lands injured by earthquakes in Missouri.
- No. 74. An act to authorize the Territory of Florida to open a canal through the public lands between Chipola river and Saint Andrew's bay, in West Florida.

The bill from the Senate, (No. 115,) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs and executors of Thomas Worthington, deceased," was read the third time;

And the question was stated, Shall the bill pass?

And after debate thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Chilton that the said bill do lie on the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 52,  
Nays, . . . . . 57.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, John Bailey, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, James Buchanan, William Cahoon, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Richard Coke, jr., Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Thomas H. Crawford, Jacob Crocheron, Joseph Duncan, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Joseph Fry, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Jabez W. Huntington, Leonard Jarvis, Cave Johnson, Perkins King, Prior Lea, James Lent, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, Rufus McIntire, Spencer Pettis, John Reed, John Scott, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, John B. Sterigere, Benjamin Swift, Elisha Whittlesey, Charles A. Wickliffe, and Richard H. Wilde.—52.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Benedict Arnold, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Thomas Beekman, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coulter, Joseph H. Crane, William Creighton, jr., John Davis, Harmar Denny, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Thomas F. Foster, William F. Gordon, James L. Hodges, William W. Irvin, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, Henry G. Lamar, Joseph Lecompte, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Chittenden Lyon, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, William T. Nuckolls, Dutee J. Pearce, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, William Russel, Jopah Sanford, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Joel B. Sutherland, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Lewis Williams, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.—57.

And after further debate on the said bill,

On motion of Mr. Cambreleng, a call of the House was ordered;

And the roll being called over by the Clerk, one hundred and nine members answered to their names, viz:

Messrs. John Anderson, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, James Blair, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, James Buchanan, William Cahoon, Churchill C. Cambreleng, John Campbell, Thomas Chandler, Thomas Chilton, Clement C. Clay, Richard Coke, jr., Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, John Davis, Harmar Denny, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Thomas F. Foster, Joseph Fry, William F. Gordon, Benjamin Gorham, Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Jabez W. Huntington, William W. Irvin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Cave Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, Perkins King.

Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, Joseph Lecompte, James Lent, Dixon H. Lewis, George Loyall, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, William D. Martin, Thomas Maxwell, Lewis Maxwell, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Robert Monell, William T. Nuckolls, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, Robert Potter, John Reed, Abram Rencher, Joseph Richardson, William Russel, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Thomas H. Sill, Jesse Speight, Ambrose Spencer, John B. Sterigere, Joel B. Sutherland, Benjamin Swift, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, Lewis Williams, Joel Yancey, and Ebenezer Young.

And thereupon further proceedings in the call were dispensed with;

And the House adjourned at half past 3 o'clock A. M.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1831.

Mr. Draper, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill (No. 658) for the relief of Hannah McKim; which was read the first time, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House procure and furnish to each member of the House a copy of the report of the trial of James H. Peck, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district of Missouri.

On motion of Mr. Hoffman,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk cause to be printed for the use of the House ten thousand copies of the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury respecting the commerce and navigation of the United States for the year ending September 30, 1830, when the same shall be received by him, as promised in the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury to the Speaker, of March 2, 1831.

On motion of Mr. Verplanck,

*Resolved*, That the doorkeeper be authorized to continue an additional messenger in his service during the recesses of Congress, to be employed in carrying the mail, attending the House and committee rooms, folding documents, and such other duty as he may direct.

On motion of Mr. Lea,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to have transmitted to this House, early in next session, a report of the survey of the Savannah and Tennessee rivers, made in 1828.

Mr. Dwight moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the 17th joint rule be suspended, with the concurrence of the Senate, so far as to allow the bills of this House which were passed or acted upon yesterday, as also the bill (No. 609) making appropriations for building light-houses, light-boats, beacons, and monuments, and placing buoys; the bill (No. 541) for the relief of Percis Lovely; and the bill from the Senate, (No. 115,) for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Thomas Worthington, deceased, to be finally acted upon and presented to the President of the United States.

This resolution was read: when

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary, as follows:

**Mr. Speaker:** The Senate have passed the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the following joint rule of the two Houses, viz: "No bill or resolution which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate shall be presented to the President of the United States for his approbation on the last day of the session," be suspended so far as respects those bills which shall have been finally acted on by both Houses, or which require for their final passage an assent only to amendments; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said resolution was then read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 609) entitled "An act making appropriations for building light-houses, light-boats, beacons, and monuments, and for placing buoys," were read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 541) entitled "An act for the relief of Percis Lovely," were read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wickliffe reported the concurrence of the committee in the amendments of the Senate to the bill making appropriations for building light-houses, light boats, beacons, and monuments, and for placing buoys, and to the bill for the relief of Percis Lovely.

The amendments of the Senate to the said bills were then again read, and severally concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion was made by Mr. Polk that the rule of the House which allots one hour for the making reports and the presentation of resolutions, be suspended for the remainder of the session;

And the question being put,

Two-thirds of the members present did not vote in the affirmative, and the question was, therefore, decided in the negative.

Mr. Carson asked and obtained leave to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this House be presented to the Honorable Andrew Stevenson, Speaker, for the ability, dignity, and impartiality with which he has discharged the duties of the chair during the twenty-first Congress.

The said resolution having been read,

The question was put, Will the House agree thereto?

And passed in the affirmative, unanimously.

The rule being suspended for the purpose,

On motion of Mr. Verplanck, it was

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury cause to be arranged a digest, showing the existing commercial regulations of the different foreign countries with which the United States have intercourse, so far as they can be ascertained; and that seven hundred and fifty copies be printed for the use of this House.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred a letter to the Speaker from Count Fontaniellere, of Paris, accompanied with a translation of a treatise, by Count Dandolo, on the art of cultivating the mulberry, by Count Verri; and, also, observations by Count Fontaniellere

on two different varieties of mulberries, by leave of the House, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Speaker be requested to answer, in behalf of the House, the aforesaid letter, and to express the acknowledgments of the House for this manifestation of the interest taken by distinguished foreigners in the welfare and prosperity of the United States; and that the said books be placed in the public library.

The said resolution was read;

And on the question, Will the House agree thereto?

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Wickliffe, from the Committee on the Public Lands, which was instructed on the 6th of January "to inquire into the expediency of amending the act of Congress, passed at the last session, entitled "An act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the Virginia line and navy, of the continental army, during the revolutionary war," so as to change or alter the first section as not to require evidence as to the line on which the resolution warrant of Virginia issued; also, to amend the third section, so as to embrace cases where warrants have been located, and surveys or patents prohibited by law, by which the land is lost to the locator; also, to cases of surveys or patents, where, by the highest judicial tribunal of the State, or United States, the land has been taken by a prior or better claim; also, to provide for the renewal of lost or destroyed certificates or scrip; also, to change the maximum quantity of land allowed to be appropriated by the said act to supply the claims embraced by said act; lastly, to make such alterations as the said committee may consider just and equitable;" made an adverse report thereon, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Yancey, from the Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department, reported sundry papers relating to the contingent expenses of that Department for the last year; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Whittlesey, by leave, moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the seventeenth joint rule be suspended so far as relates to the bills of the Senate, now in the House of Representatives, for the relief of James Thomas, the representatives of General Moses Hazen, John Nicks, Joseph S. Cannon, George B. Dameron and William Howze, Samuel Coburn, James Hogland, and John Gough and other Canadian volunteers; which bills were, on the 2d instant, ordered to a third reading in the House of Representatives, but were not read yesterday for the want of time.

The said resolution was read; and on the question, Will the House agree thereto?

It passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, viz:

No. 58. An act for the relief of James Thomas, late Quartermaster General of the army of the United States, as amended;

No. 7. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of General Moses Hazen, deceased, as amended;

No. 66. An act for the relief of Joseph S. Cannon, as amended;

No. 135. An act for the relief of John Nicks, as amended;

No. 90. An act for the relief of George B. Dameron and William Howze, of Mississippi, as amended;

No. 69. An act for the relief of Samuel Coburn, of Mississippi;

No. 103. An act for the relief of James Hogland;

No. 104. An act for the relief of John Gough and other Canadian refugees;

were, severally, read the third time, and passed.

The rule being suspended for the purpose,

On motion of Mr. Wickliffe, it was

*Resolved*, That the Clerk procure to be made, in conformity with Burch's General Index to the laws of the United States, an index to the acts of the present session of Congress; and that the same be printed and attached to the acts.

The rule being suspended for the purpose,

On motion of Mr. Reed, it was

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, at the beginning of the next session of Congress, the regulations of England, France, and Holland, in relation to their fisheries.

The rule being suspended for the purpose,

Mr. Howard moved the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to the House of Representatives, at an early period of the next session, the quantity of salt lying in the public stores on the 1st January, 1831, or which had been offered to be so placed at any time within six months previous to that day.

The said resolution being read,

A motion was made by Mr. Huntington to amend the said resolution, by adding thereto the following:

"And that he also be directed to communicate to this House, at the commencement of the next session, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, a statement showing the quantity, quality, and kinds of iron and steel, in its various forms, including castings, manufactured in the United States annually for three years prior to September, 1831, and the estimated value thereof; and that he also inform this House, as aforesaid, whether any legislative provisions are necessary to prevent the evasion of the payment of the existing duties on bar or other iron imported into the United States, and the frauds upon the revenue occasioned thereby, specifying such frauds and evasions, if any exist."

And on the question to agree to this amendment,

It passed in the affirmative.

The question was then put to agree to the said resolution, as amended,

And passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Washington moved to suspend the rule to enable him to submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be, and he is hereby, directed to cause ten thousand copies of the report of the Committee on Internal Improvements, made on the 10th of February, to be printed, and forwarded to the members of Congress;

And on the question, Shall the rule be suspended as aforesaid?

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Mercer moved to suspend the rule to enable him to submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to renew, and to prosecute from time to time, such negotiations with the several maritime powers of Europe and America as he may deem expedient for the ef-

fectual abolition of the African slave trade, and its ultimate denunciation as piracy, under the law of nations, by the consent of the civilized world;

And, on the question, Shall the rule be suspended as aforesaid,

It passed in the affirmative: { Yeas, . . . . . 108,  
  { Nays, . . . . . 36.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William G. Angel, Benedict Arnold, Noyes Barber, Isaac C. Bates, Robert E. B. Baylor, Thomas Beekman, Abraham Bockee, Ratliff Boon, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, John Campbell, Timothy Childs, Thomas Chilton, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Benjamin W. Crowninshield, John Davis, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, Joseph Duncan, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Joseph Fry, George Grennell, jr., Joseph Hammons, Joseph Hawkins, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, Jabez W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, Robert P. Letcher, Chittenden Lyon, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Rufus McIntire, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, William Ramsey, James F. Randolph, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, Jonah Sanford, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, Henry R. Storrs, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Charles A. Wickliffe, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—108.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, Willis Alston, William S. Archer, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, Thomas T. Bouldin, Elias Brown, Samuel P. Carson, Thomas Chandler, Jacob Crocheron, Henry Daniel, Thomas Davenport, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Joseph Draper, Edward B. Dudley, Thomas F. Foster, William F. Gordon, Jehiel H. Halsey, Charles E. Haynes, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, George Loyall, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, John Roane, Jesse Speight, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Richard H. Wilde, and Joel Yancey.—36.

The said resolution was then received; and after debate thereon,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Polk; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put, viz: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.



The main question was then put, viz: Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 118,  
  { Nays, . . . . . 32.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William G. Angel, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, John Campbell, Timothy Childs, Lewis Condict, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John G. Dickinson, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, George Grennell, jr., Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, John W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Chittendon Lyon, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, William Ramsey, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—118.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, Thomas T. Bouldin, Samuel P. Carson, Henry Daniel, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Edward B. Dudley, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, Thomas H. Hall, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, George Loyall, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jesse Speight, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, and Joel Yancey.—32.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the resolution adopted by this House to suspend the 17th joint rule so far as the same affects certain bills therein mentioned, with an amendment; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendment was then read, and is as follows:

Add to the bills mentioned in the resolution as follows:

“A bill for the relief of the heirs and executors of Thomas Worthington, deceased.”

The question was put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?  
And passed in the affirmative.

And thereupon the Clerk was directed to carry to the Senate the bills of the Senate this day passed by this House.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, moved to suspend the rule, to enable him to submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be directed to procure two hundred and fifty copies of the debates on the adoption of the Federal Constitution, in 1787, to be deposited in the library for the use of the members;

And on the question, Shall the rule be suspended as aforesaid?

It was decided in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*, The Senate have concurred in the amendments of this House to bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 58. An act for the relief of James Thomas, late Quartermaster General of the army of the United States;

No. 7. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of General Moses Hazen, deceased;

No. 66. An act for the relief of Joseph S. Cannon;

No. 135. An act for the relief of John Nicks;

No. 90. An act for the relief of George B. Dameron and William Howze, of Mississippi;

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, it was

*Ordered*, That the sum of five hundred dollars be paid out of the contingent fund of the House, to John McClelland, for preparing the map ordered by this House at the last session, showing the roads, canals, light-houses, &c.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 115,) entitled “An act for the relief of the heirs and executors of Thomas Worthington, deceased.”

The question recurred on the passage of the said bill;

And after further debate thereon,

The said question was put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And was decided in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Spencer, of New York, that the rule be suspended, to enable him to submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House be directed to continue the subscription of the House of Representatives to Gales and Seaton’s Register of Debates, as commenced by the order of the House of March 3d, 1827.

And on the question, Shall the rule be suspended as aforesaid?

It was decided in the negative.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, viz:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I communicate to Congress a treaty of commerce and navigation between the United States and the Emperor of Austria, concluded in this city on the 28th March, 1830, the ratifications of which were exchanged on the 10th of February last.

ANDREW JACKSON.

WASHINGTON, 2d March, 1831.

The main question was then put, viz: Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 118,  
Nays, . . . . . 32.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. John Anderson, William G. Angel, Benedict Arnold, John Bailey, Noyes Barber, Daniel L. Barringer, Isaac C. Bates, Thomas Beekman, Abraham Bockee, Peter I. Borst, John Broadhead, Tristram Burges, Samuel Butman, William Cahoon, John Campbell, Timothy Childs, Lewis Conduct, Richard M. Cooper, Richard Coulter, Henry B. Cowles, Robert Craig, Joseph H. Crane, Thomas H. Crawford, William Creighton, jr., Jacob Crocheron, Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Thomas Davenport, John Davis, Harmar Denny, Charles G. De Witt, John G. Dickinson, Joseph Draper, William Drayton, Henry W. Dwight, Samuel W. Eager, Jonas Earll, jr., William W. Ellsworth, George Evans, Edward Everett, Horace Everett, James Findlay, Isaac Finch, Joseph Fry, John Gilmore, George Grennell, jr., Jehiel H. Halsey, Joseph Hammons, Jonathan Harvey, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Hemphill, James L. Hodges, Cornelius Holland, Michael Hoffman, Benjamin C. Howard, Henry Hubbard, Jonathan Hunt, John W. Huntington, Peter Ihrie, jr., Thomas Irwin, Leonard Jarvis, Kensey Johns, jr., Richard M. Johnson, Joseph G. Kendall, John Kincaid, Perkins King, Adam King, Humphrey H. Leavitt, Joseph Lecompte, George G. Leiper, Robert P. Letcher, Chittendon Lyon, John Magee, Henry C. Martindale, William McCreery, George McDuffie, Charles F. Mercer, Daniel H. Miller, George E. Mitchell, Henry A. Muhlenberg, Dutee J. Pearce, Spencer Pettis, William Ramsey, John Reed, Joseph Richardson, Robert S. Rose, John Scott, William B. Shepard, Augustine H. Shepperd, James Shields, Benedict I. Semmes, Thomas H. Sill, Samuel A. Smith, Ambrose Spencer, Richard Spencer, William Stanberry, John B. Sterigere, William L. Storrs, James Strong, Joel B. Sutherland, Benjamin Swift, John Taliaferro, John W. Taylor, John Test, John Thomson, Phineas L. Tracy, Starling Tucker, Joseph Vance, John Varnum, Gulian C. Verplanck, Samuel F. Vinton, George C. Washington, John W. Weeks, Elisha Whittlesey, Campbell P. White, Edward D. White, Lewis Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, and Ebenezer Young.—118.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Mark Alexander, John S. Barbour, Robert W. Barnwell, James Blair, Thomas T. Bouldin, Samuel P. Carson, Henry Daniel, Warren R. Davis, Robert Desha, Edward B. Dudley, Thomas F. Foster, Nathan Gaither, Thomas H. Hall, Charles E. Haynes, Thomas Hinds, Cave Johnson, Henry G. Lamar, Pryor Lea, George Loyall, William T. Nuckolls, Walter H. Overton, John M. Patton, James K. Polk, Robert Potter, Abram Rencher, John Roane, Jesse Speight, Wiley Thompson, James Trezvant, Charles A. Wickliffe, Richard H. Wilde, and Joel Yancey.—32.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the resolution adopted by this House to suspend the 17th joint rule so far as the same affects certain bills therein mentioned, with an amendment; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendment was then read, and is as follows:

Add to the bills mentioned in the resolution as follows:

“A bill for the relief of the heirs and executors of Thomas Worthington, deceased.”

The question was put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

And passed in the affirmative.

And thereupon the Clerk was directed to carry to the Senate the bills of the Senate this day passed by this House.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, moved to suspend the rule, to enable him to submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be directed to procure two hundred and fifty copies of the debates on the adoption of the Federal Constitution, in 1787, to be deposited in the library for the use of the members;

And on the question, Shall the rule be suspended as aforesaid?

It was decided in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have concurred in the amendments of this House to bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 58. An act for the relief of James Thomas, late Quartermaster General of the army of the United States;

No. 7. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of General Moses Hazen, deceased;

No. 66. An act for the relief of Joseph S. Cannon;

No. 135. An act for the relief of John Nicks;

No. 90. An act for the relief of George B. Dameron and William Howze, of Mississippi;

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, it was

*Ordered*, That the sum of five hundred dollars be paid out of the contingent fund of the House, to John McClelland, for preparing the map ordered by this House at the last session, showing the roads, canals, light-houses, &c.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill from the Senate, (No. 115,) entitled “An act for the relief of the heirs and executors of Thomas Worthington, deceased.”

The question recurred on the passage of the said bill;

And after further debate thereon,

The said question was put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And was decided in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Spencer, of New York, that the rule be suspended, to enable him to submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House be directed to continue the subscription of the House of Representatives to Gales and Seaton’s Register of Debates, as commenced by the order of the House of March 3d, 1827.

And on the question, Shall the rule be suspended as aforesaid?

It was decided in the negative.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, viz:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I communicate to Congress a treaty of commerce and navigation between the United States and the Emperor of Austria, concluded in this city on the 28th March, 1830, the ratifications of which were exchanged on the 10th of February last.

ANDREW JACKSON.

WASHINGTON, 2d March, 1831.

*Ordered*, That the said message and treaty do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, "in relation to the diversity of construction given by the officers of the General Government, and the officers of the Government of Indiana, relative to the selection of the lands reserved to that State by the treaty of the 16th of October, 1826, between the United States and the Pottawatamie tribe of Indians, for the purpose of constructing a road from the river Ohio to lake Michigan;" which memorial was laid on the table.

II. A letter from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting four supplemental accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the United States by the late Treasurer, Thomas Tudor Tucker, as agent for the War and Navy Departments; which letter and accounts were laid on the table.

III. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, explanatory of the cause why the statements respecting the internal duties and direct tax, which, by a resolution of this House of the 29th of May, 1830, were directed to be laid before the House, cannot be prepared in time to be communicated during the present session; which letter was laid on the table.

IV. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in part, information called for by the House on the 4th of May, 1830, in relation to the means of guarding against dangers arising from the bursting of boilers on board of steamboats; which letter was read, and laid on the table.

V. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting statements of the appropriations for the War Department for the service of the year 1830, showing the amount appropriated under each specific head, the amount expended under each, and the balance remaining unexpended in the Treasury on the 31st December last; which letter and statements were laid on the table.

VI. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements of the value of coins made at the Mint, the disbursements on account of the mint; the amount of wastage, the amount retained of deposits, and the amount gained on the copper coinage, from the commencement of the institution to the 31st December, 1830; which letter and statements were laid on the table.

VII. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, explanatory of the cause why the map of the public lands, directed to be prepared by this House on the 7th of May, 1830, has not been completed; which letter was laid on the table.

VIII. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report, in part, in obedience to the order of the House of the 31st of May, 1830, directing him "to ascertain and report the quantity of sugar manufactured in the United States, the average price, the average quantity usually made to the acre, and the number of acres in a crop to the hand, the expense of machinery necessary to its manufacture, and the aggregate quantity of land in the United States adapted to sugar, with any other information in relation to sugar and its manufacture that may be proper;" which letter and report were laid on the table.

Mr. Richardson, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 541. An act for the benefit of Percis Lovely, and for other purposes;

No. 609. An act making appropriations for building light-houses, light-boats, beacons, and monuments, and placing buoys;

No. 7. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of General Moses Hazen, deceased;

No. 66. An act for the relief of Joseph S. Cannon;

No. 58. An act for the relief of James Thomas, late Quartermaster General of the army of the United States;

No. 69. An act for the relief of Samuel Cöburn, of Mississippi;

No. 90. An act for the relief of George B. Dameron and William Howze, of Mississippi;

No. 135. An act for the relief of John Nicks;

No. 103. An act for the relief of James Hogland;

No. 104. An act for the relief of John Gough and other Canadian refugees;

and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

A motion was made by Mr. Edward Everett that the rule be suspended, to enable him to submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House be directed to continue the subscription to Gales and Seaton's Register of Debates, as commenced by order of the House of Representatives of March 3d, 1827;

And on the question, Shall the rule be suspended as aforesaid?

Two-thirds of the members presents did not vote in the affirmative, and the question was, therefore, decided in the negative.

And then, being half past three o'clock P. M., the House took a recess until six o'clock P. M.

#### SIX O'CLOCK P. M.

The House resumed its session.

Mr. Richardson, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 541. An act for the benefit of Percis Lovely, and for other purposes.

No. 609. An act making appropriations for building light-houses, light-boats, beacons, and monuments, and for placing buoys.

No. 7. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of General Moses Hazen, deceased.

No. 66. An act for the relief of Joseph S. Cannon.

No. 58. An act for the relief of James Thomas, late Quartermaster General of the army of the United States.

No. 69. An act for the relief of Samuel Coburn, of Mississippi.

No. 90. An act for the relief of George B. Dameron and William Howze, of Mississippi.

No. 135. An act for the relief of John Nicks.

No. 108. An act for the relief of James Hogland.

No. 104. An act for the relief of John Gough and other Canadian refugees.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his private Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign—

No. 286. An act for the relief of William T. Carroll, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States.

No. 609. An act making appropriations for building light-houses, light-boats, beacons, and monuments, and placing buoys.

No. 541. An act for the benefit of Percis Lovely, and for other purposes.

No. 617. An act for the relief of Christopher Bechtler.

On motion of Mr. Dwight,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, on the part of this House, to be joined by such committee as may be appointed by the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and to notify him, that, unless he may have further communications to make, the two Houses of Congress, having completed the business before them, are ready to close the present session by an adjournment.

Mr. Dwight and Mr. Roane were appointed of the said committee on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have been notified by the President of the United States, that he did, on the 13th of January, approve and sign—

No. 16. An act for the relief of Aaron Fitzgerald;

No. 39. An act for the benefit of schools in Lawrence county, Mississippi;

No. 145. An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;

No. 25. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for paying to the State of Illinois three per centum of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same:"

On the 19th of January,

No. 18. An act for the relief of Thomas Fitzgerald;

No. 51. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for paying to the States of Missouri, Mississippi, and Alabama, three per centum of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same:"

On the 27th of January,

No. 41. An act further supplemental to the act entitled "An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the Territory of Missouri," passed the 13th June, 1812:

On the 3d of February,

No. 78. An act making provision for the compensation of witnesses, and payment of other expenses attending the trial of the impeachment of James H. Peck:

On the 12th of February,

No. 35. An act to authorize the transportation of merchandise by land or by water, with the benefit of debenture;

No. 47. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to quiet the title of certain purchasers of lands between the lines of Ludlow and Roberts, in the State of Ohio," approved 26th May, 1830;

No. 105. An act for the relief of William Smith, administrator of John Taylor, deceased;

No. 17. An act authorizing the sale of a tract of land therein named;

No. 89. An act to amend an act granting certain relinquished and unappropriated lands to the State of Alabama, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Tennessee, Coosa, Cahawba, and Black Warrior rivers," approved the 23d day of May, 1828:

On the 19th of February,

No. 68. An act to alter and amend "An act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive;"

- No. 79. An act for the relief of William Burris, of Mississippi;
- No. 142. An act respecting the jurisdiction of certain district courts:  
On the 25th of February,
- No. 119. An act to authorize the appointment of a subagent to the Winnebago Indians on Rock river;
- No. 65. An act to incorporate Saint Vincent's Orphan Asylum in the District of Columbia;
- No. 49. An act supplemental to an act, passed on the 31st March, 1830, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the public sales of lands of the United States;"
- No. 50. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make compensation to the heirs of Taliaferro Livingston and Francis W. Armstrong, for the maintenance of fifteen Africans illegally imported into the United States:  
And on the 3d of March, (this day,)
- No. 62. An act for the relief of Woodson Wren, of Mississippi;
- No. 131. An act concerning vessels employed in the whale fishery;
- No. 77. An act for the relief of Antoine Dequindre, and the legal representatives of Louis Dequindre, deceased;
- No. 90. An act for the relief of George B. Dameron and William Howze, of Mississippi;
- No. 102. An act for the relief of Brevet Major Riley and Lieutenants Brook and Seawright;
- No. 106. An act to extend the patent of Samuel Browning for a further period of fourteen years;
- No. 137. An act to create the office of Surveyor of the public lands for the State of Louisiana;
- No. 103. An act for the relief of James Hogland;
- No. 66. An act for the relief of Joseph S. Cannon;
- No. 7. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of General Moses Hazen, deceased;
- No. 58. An act for the relief of James Thomas, late Quartermaster General in the army of the United States;
- No. 93. An act for the relief of Duval and Carnes;
- No. 136. An act for the relief of John Culbertson, and to provide an interpreter for the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana;
- No. 67. An act granting a pension to Martin Miller;
- No. 82. An act for the relief of William B. Matthews, trustee;
- No. 22. An act for the relief of Beverly Chew, the heirs of William Emerson, deceased, and the heirs of Edwin Lorraine, deceased;
- No. 91. An act for the relief of Benjamin S. Smoot, of Alabama;
- No. 168. An act for the relief of John Nicholson;
- No. 69. An act for the relief of Samuel Coburn, of the State of Mississippi;
- No. 104. An act for the relief of John Gough and other Canadian refugees;
- No. 135. An act for the relief of John Nicks.
- A message from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary:
- Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the



United States, and to notify him, that, unless he may have further communications to make, the two Houses of Congress, having completed the business before them, are ready to close the present session by an adjournment; and have appointed a committee on their part. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Dwight, from the said joint committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, waited on the President, and made the communication to him; and that the President answered that he had no further communications to make to either House of Congress.

It was then

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Senate, to notify that body that this House, having completed the business before it, is now ready to close the present session by an adjournment; and that the Clerk do go with said message.

The Clerk having delivered said message, and being returned,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Lowrie, their Secretary, notifying the House that the Senate, having completed the legislative business before it, is now ready to close the present session of Congress by an adjournment.

And thereupon,

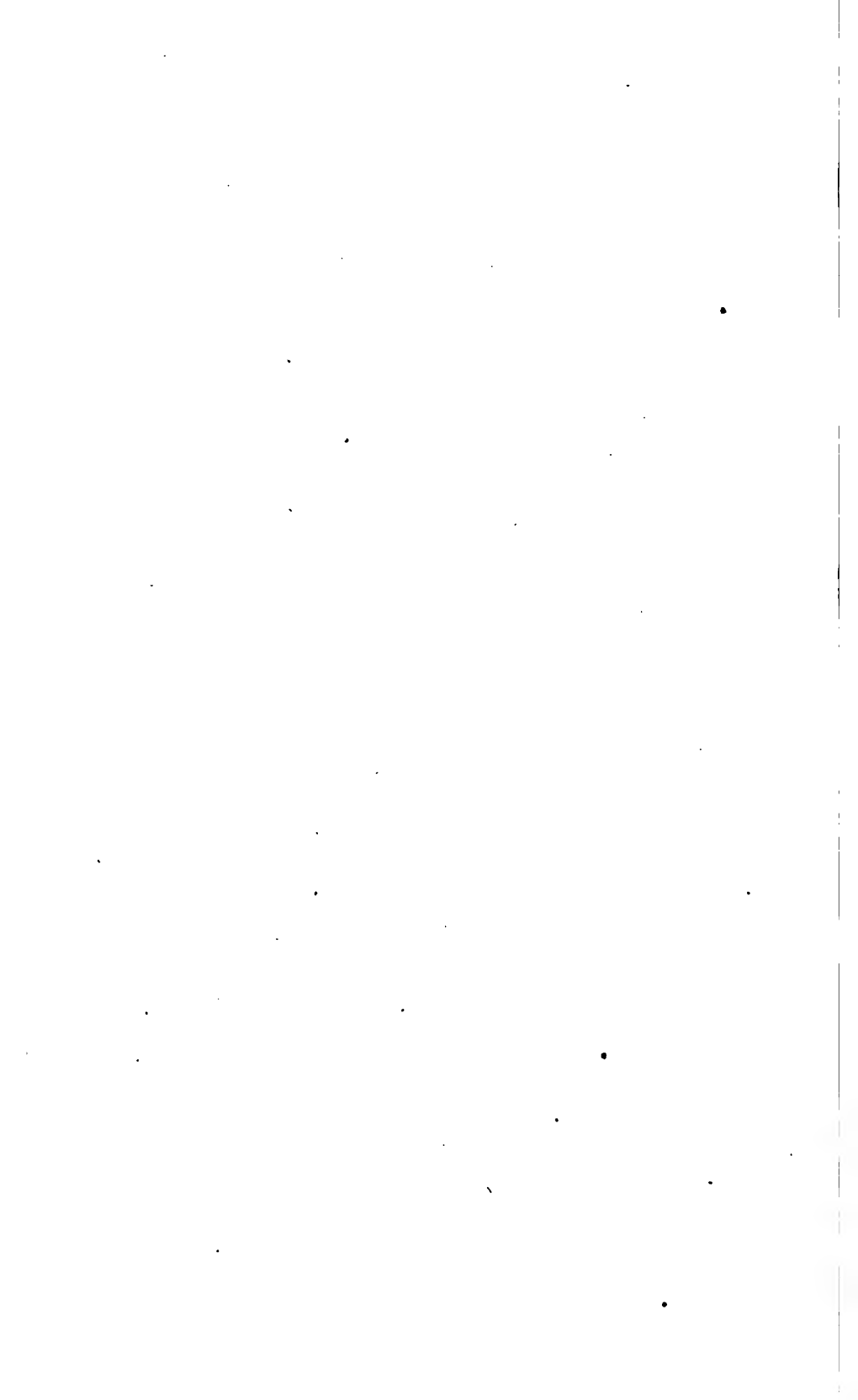
The Speaker rose from his chair, and addressed the House as follows:

GENTLEMEN: I receive, with sentiments of profound respect and grateful feeling, the renewed expression of your approbation and confidence in my administration of the arduous duties of this high office. The character and power of this House, the rank which it holds in the eyes of the world; the deep and abiding confidence of the nation in the intelligence, virtue, and patriotism of its Representatives, must ever render the approbation or censure of this House a matter of no ordinary importance to those who fill high places of public trust and confidence. This station, justly esteemed among the first in distinction and honor, has always been regarded, not only as one of elevated character, but of severe responsibility and labor, and of extreme delicacy. In discharging its arduous and multifarious duties, no man can hope to free himself from error, or to give unqualified or universal satisfaction. In times even of profound tranquillity and repose, to please every one cannot, and ought not to be expected. Amid the storms of political and party excitements, it would be idle and vain to expect it. My path here, for the last four years, has not been strewed with roses. I have had, as you well know, my full share of responsibility, embarrassment, and toil. I can say, however, with truth, that I have endeavored to meet your expectations by a zealous devotion of my time, and even of my health, to your service; and by a faithful and independent discharge of my public duty. This, gentlemen, was all that I promised when I received this high appointment at your hands; and in laying it down, I feel a proud consciousness that I have redeemed my pledge; and if the trust has not been ably, it has, at least, been honestly discharged. During the entire period of my service, and under all the agitations of the times, it has been my peculiar good fortune and pleasure to receive, in an almost unexampled manner, the kindness and support of the members of this House; and in proof of it, I may be permitted to remark, I hope without vanity, that in all the numerous and important decisions which I have been called upon to pronounce from this chair, but one has ever been reversed by the judgment of the House, and that under circumstances which can cause me no regret. Can I, then, feel otherwise than gratified and flattered, cheered and consoled, by this renewed and distinguished evidence of your confidence and favor? I receive it, gentlemen, in the spirit in which it has been offered. I cherish it in my heart. It is the

highest and the only reward that I either sought or expected; and I shall cherish it through life with feelings of the deepest respect and the most affectionate gratitude. God grant that you may long live to serve and benefit your country, and enjoy its undiminished confidence; and, in bidding you an affectionate, and perhaps last farewell, accept, I pray you, my cordial and best wishes for your individual health, prosperity, and happiness.

And thereupon,

The House adjourned *sine die*.



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4	A bill to authorize the mounting and equipment of a part of the Army of the United States -	144	148, 171	495	429, 431	433
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7	A bill for the relief of the representatives of General Moses Hazen, deceased, -	326	358, 414	362	410, 413, 418	421
8	A bill for the relief of Lucien Harper -	79	93, 101, 122, 408	411	413, 418	421
9	A bill to establish ports of delivery at port Ponchartrain and Delaware city -	121	122, 352	169	177, 181	432
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20	A bill for the relief of Ebenezer Rollins -	134	138, 408	154	177, 182	432
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22	A bill for the relief of Beverly Chew, the heirs of Wm. Emerson, deceased, and the heirs of Edward Loraine, deceased, -	384	391, 397, 414	416	417, 418	433
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40	A bill for the relief of the representatives of Peter Cestino Walker and John Walker, deceased, and of Joseph Walker, of the State of Mississippi - - -	121	122, 249, 389	390	394, 404, 410	420
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43	A bill supplementary to an act passed on the thirty-first March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the public sale of lands of the United States," - - -	134	139, 315, 343	348	357, 360, 366	433

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78	A bill making provision for the compensation of witnesses, and payment of other expenses attending the trial of the impeachment of James H. Peck, -	202	214, 222, 226	237	245, 249, 256	432
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158	A bill to authorize the executor of Stephen Tippet to locate a tract of land in the State of Louisiana - - - - -	387	391, 396, 406	411	416, 419	421
160	A bill for the relief of Peter Cleer, of Maryland - - - - -	387	391, 397, 406	411	416, 419	421
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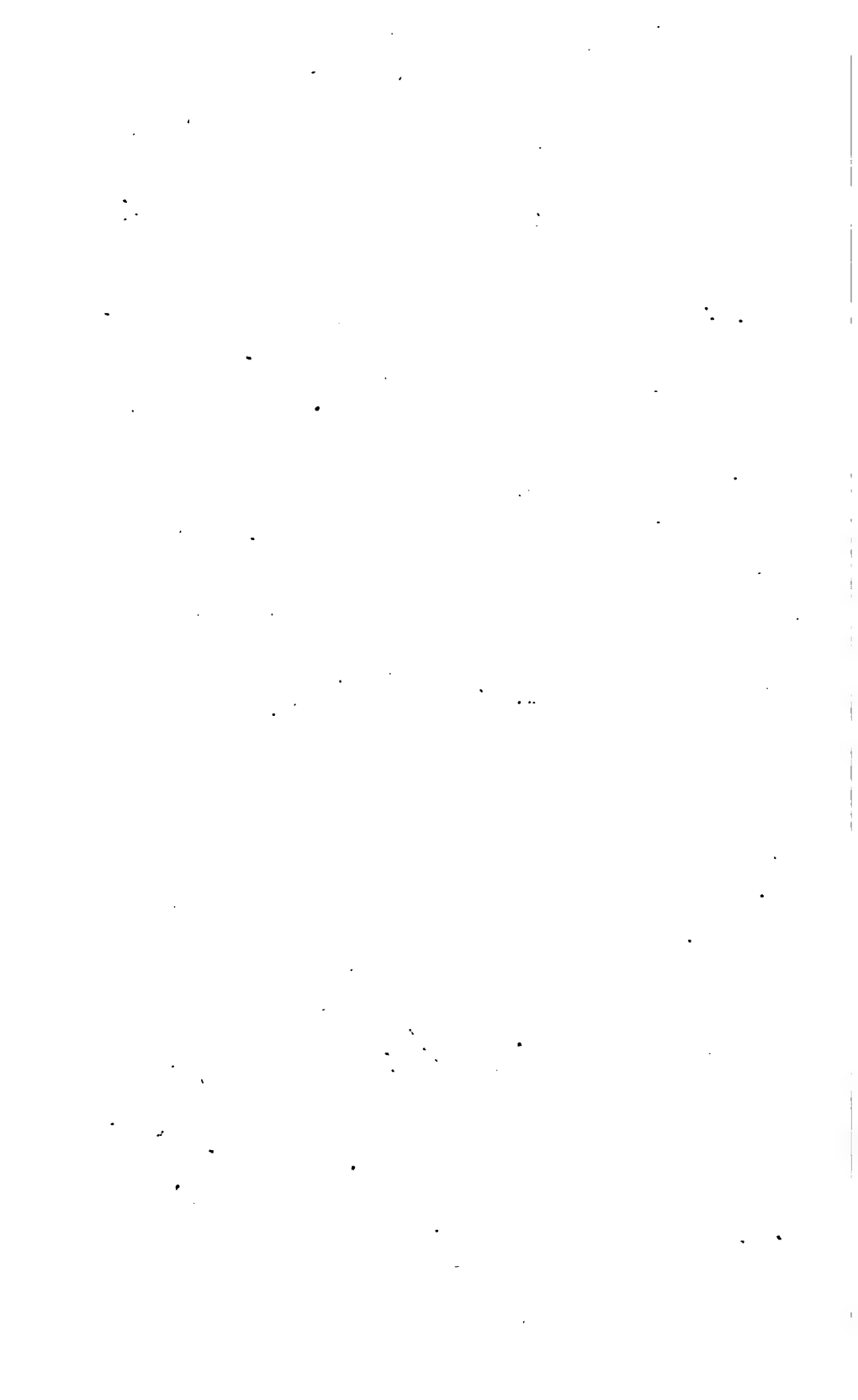
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## APPENDIX.

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### STANDING RULES AND ORDERS

FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

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#### *Touching the duty of the Speaker.*

1. He shall take the Chair every day precisely at the hour to which the House shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall immediately call the members to order; and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the Journal of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any two members; on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the House.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

4. Questions shall be distinctly put in this form, to wit: "As many as are of opinion that (as the question may be) say Ay;" and, after the affirmative voice is expressed, "As many as are of the contrary opinion, say No." If the Speaker doubts, or a division be called for, the House shall divide: those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative. If the Speaker still doubts, or a count be required, the Speaker shall name two members, one from each side, to tell the members in the affirmative, which being reported, he shall then name two others, one from each side, to tell those in the negative, which being also reported, he shall rise and state the decision to the House.

5. When any motion or proposition is made, the question, "Will the House now consider it?" shall not be put, unless it is demanded by some member, or is deemed necessary by the Speaker.

6. The Speaker shall examine and correct the Journal before it is read. He shall have a general direction of the Hall. He shall have the right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise specially directed by the House, in which case they shall be appointed by ballot; and if, upon such ballot, the number required shall not be elected by a majority of the votes given, the House shall proceed to a second ballot, in which a plurality of votes shall prevail; and, in case a greater number than

is required to compose or complete a committee shall have an equal number of votes, the House shall proceed to a further ballot or ballots.

8. In all other cases of ballot than for committees, a majority of the votes given shall be necessary to an election; and when there shall not be such a majority on the first ballot, the ballot shall be repeated until a majority be obtained.

9. In all cases of ballot by the House, the Speaker shall vote: in other cases he shall not vote, unless the House be equally divided, or unless his vote, if given to the minority, will make the division equal; and in case of such equal division, the question shall be lost.

10. In all cases where other than members of the House may be eligible to an office by the election of the House, there shall be a previous nomination.

11. All acts, addresses, and joint resolutions, shall be signed by the Speaker; and all writs, warrants, and subpoenas, issued by order of the House, shall be under his hand and seal, attested by the Clerk.

12. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries or lobby, the Speaker (or Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House) shall have power to order the same to be cleared.

13. No person, except members of the Senate, their Secretary, Heads of Departments, Treasurer, Comptroller, Register, Auditor, Postmaster General, President's Secretary, Chaplains to Congress, Judges of the United States, Foreign Ministers, and their Secretaries, Officers who, by name, have received, or shall hereafter receive, the thanks of Congress for their gallantry and good conduct displayed in the service of their country, the Commissioners of the Navy Board, Governor, for the time being, of any State or Territory of the Union, who may attend at the Seat of the General Government during the Session of Congress, and who may choose to avail himself of such privilege, such gentlemen as have been Heads of Departments, or members of either branch of the Legislature, and, at the discretion of the Speaker, persons who belong to such Legislatures of Foreign Governments as are in amity with the United States, shall be admitted within the Hall of the House of Representatives.

14. Stenographers, wishing to take down the debates, may be admitted by the Speaker, who shall assign such places to them, on the floor or elsewhere, to effect their object, as shall not interfere with the convenience of the House.

#### *Order of Business of the Session.*

15. After six days from the commencement of a second or subsequent session of any Congress, all bills, resolutions, and reports, which originated in the House, and at the close of the next preceding session remained undetermined, shall be resumed and acted on in the same manner as if an adjournment had not taken place.

#### *Order of Business of the Day.*

16. As soon as the Journal is read, the Speaker shall call for petitions from the members of each State, and delegates from each Territory, beginning with Maine: and if, on any day, the whole of the States and Territories shall not be called, the Speaker shall begin on the next day where he left off the previous day: Provided, That, after the first thirty days of the ses-

sion, petitions shall not be received except on the first day of the meeting of the House in each week.

17. The petitions having been presented and disposed of, reports, first from the standing, and then from the select committees, shall be called for, and disposed of. Resolutions shall then be called for in the same order, and disposed of by the same rules which apply to petitions: Provided, that no member shall offer more than one resolution, or one series of resolutions, all relating to the same subject, until all the States and Territories shall have been called. And not more than one hour in each day shall be devoted to the subject of reports from committees, and resolutions; after which, the Speaker shall dispose of the bills, messages, and communications, on his table, and then proceed to call the orders of the day.

18. The business specified in the two preceding rules shall be done at no other part of the day, except by permission of the House.

#### *Local or Private Business.*

19. Friday and Saturday in every week shall be set apart for the consideration of private bills and private business, in preference to any other, unless otherwise determined by a majority of the House.

#### *Of Decorum and Debate.*

20. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to "Mr. Speaker," and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality.

21. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call to order; in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the House shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate: if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, he shall not be permitted to proceed without leave of the House; and, if the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the House.

22. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the Speaker shall name the member who is first to speak.

23. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the House, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

24. If a question depending be lost by adjournment of the House, and revived on the succeeding day, no member, who shall have spoken twice on the preceding day, shall be permitted again to speak without leave.

25. Whilst the Speaker is putting any question, or addressing the House, none shall walk out of or across the House: nor, in such case, or when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse, nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the chair.

26. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, or in any case where he was not present when the question was put.

27. Upon a division and count of the House on any question, no member without the bar shall be counted.

28. Every member who shall be in the House when the question is put shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reasons, shall excuse him.

29. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Speaker; or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Clerk before debated.

30. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker or any member desire it.

31. After a motion is stated by the Speaker, or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment.

32. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged: and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day, and at the same stage of the bill or proposition. A motion to strike out the enacting words of a bill shall have precedence of a motion to amend, and, if carried, shall be considered equivalent to its rejection.

33. When a resolution shall be offered, or a motion made, to refer any subject, and different committees shall be proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order:

The Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; the Committee of the Whole House; a standing committee; a select committee.

34. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order: that, and the motion to lie on the table, shall be decided without debate.

35. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment, and further debate of the main question.

36. On a previous question there shall be no debate.

37. When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session.

38. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided if it comprehends questions so distinct that, one being taken away, the rest may stand entire for the decision of the House: a motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible. But a motion to strike out being lost, shall preclude neither amendment, nor a motion to strike out and insert.

39. Motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the House.

40. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

41. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof, on the same or the succeeding day: and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions, except a motion to adjourn.

42. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the House.

43. The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the last preceding adjournment shall have the preference in the orders of the day;

and no motion on any other business shall be received, without special leave of the House, until the former is disposed of.

44. Every order, resolution, or vote, to which the concurrence of the Senate shall be necessary, shall be read to the House, and laid on the table, on a day preceding that in which the same shall be moved, unless the House shall otherwise expressly allow.

45. Petitions, memorials, and other papers, addressed to the House, shall be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place: a brief statement of the contents thereof shall verbally be made by the introducer, and shall not be debated or decided on the day of their being first read, unless where the House shall direct otherwise, but shall lie on the table, to be taken up in the order they were read.

46. A proposition requesting information from the President of the United States, or directing it to be furnished by the head of either of the Executive Departments, or by the Postmaster General, or to print an extra number of any document or other matter, shall lie on the table one day for consideration, unless otherwise ordered by the unanimous consent of the House; and all such propositions shall be taken up for consideration in the order they were presented, immediately after reports are called for from select committees; and, when adopted, the Clerk shall cause the same to be delivered.

47. Any fifteen members (including the Speaker, if there be one) shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members.

48. Upon calls of the House, or in taking the yeas and nays on any question, the names of the members shall be called alphabetically.

49. Any member may excuse himself from serving on any committee at the time of his appointment, if he is then a member of two other committees.

50. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

51. Upon the call of the House, the names of the members shall be called over by the clerk, and the absentees noted; after which, the names of the absentees shall again be called over, the doors shall then be shut, and those for whom no excuse, or insufficient excuses are made, may, by order of those present, if fifteen in number, be taken into custody as they appear, or may be sent for and taken into custody, wherever to be found, by special messengers to be appointed for that purpose.

52. When a member shall be discharged from custody, and admitted to his seat, the House shall determine whether such discharge shall be with or without paying fees; and, in like manner, whether a delinquent member, taken into custody by a special messenger, shall, or shall not, be liable to defray the expense of such special messenger.

53. A Sergeant-at-Arms shall be appointed, to hold his office during the pleasure of the House, whose duty it shall be to attend the House during its sitting; to execute the commands of the House from time to time, together with all such process, issued by authority thereof, as shall be directed to him by the Speaker.

54. The fees of the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be, for every arrest, the sum of two dollars; for each day's custody and releasement, one dollar; and for travelling expenses for himself or a special messenger, going and returning, one-tenth of a dollar per mile.

55. Twenty-one standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each session, viz:

- A Committee of Elections,
- A Committee of Ways and Means,
- A Committee of Claims,
- A Committee of Commerce,
- A Committee on the Public Lands,
- A Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads,
- A Committee for the District of Columbia,
- A Committee on the Judiciary,
- A Committee on Revolutionary Claims,
- A Committee on Public Expenditures,
- A Committee on Private Land Claims,
- A Committee on Manufactures,
- A Committee on Agriculture,
- A Committee on Indian Affairs,
- A Committee on Military Affairs,
- A Committee on Naval Affairs,
- A Committee on Foreign Affairs,
- A Committee on the Territories,
- A Committee on Military Pensions,
- A Committee of Revial and Unfinished Business, and
- A Committee of Accounts,

To consist of seven members each.

To consist of three members each.

56. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Elections to examine and report upon certificates of election, or other credentials, of the members returned to serve in this House, and to take into their consideration all such petitions, and other matters touching elections and returns, as shall or may be presented, or come into question, and be referred to them by the House.

57. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Ways and Means to take into consideration all such reports of the Treasury Department, and all such propositions relative to the revenue, as may be referred to them by the House; to inquire into the state of the public debt or the revenue, and of the expenditure; and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon; to examine into the state of the several public Departments, and particularly into the laws making appropriations of moneys; and to report whether the moneys have been disbursed conformably with such laws; and, also, to report, from time to time, such provisions and arrangements as may be necessary to add to the economy of the Departments, and the accountability of their officers.

In preparing bills of appropriation for other objects, the Committee of Ways and Means shall not include appropriations for carrying into effect treaties made by the United States; and, where an appropriation bill shall be referred to them, for their consideration, which contains appropriations for carrying a treaty into effect, and for other objects, they shall propose such amendments as shall prevent appropriations for carrying a treaty into effect being included in the same bill with appropriations for other objects.

58. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Claims to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching claims and demands on the United States as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief therein as to them shall seem expedient.

59. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Commerce to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching the commerce of the United States, as shall be presented, or shall or may come into question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon.

60. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Public Lands to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things respecting the lands of the United States, as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief therein as to them shall seem expedient.

61. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching the post office and post roads, as shall be presented, or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions relative thereto as to them shall seem expedient.

62. It shall be the duty of the Committee for the District of Columbia to take into consideration all such petitions, matters, or things, touching the said District, as shall be presented, or shall come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereon, together with such propositions relative thereto as to them shall seem expedient.

63. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Judiciary to take into consideration such petitions and matters or things touching judicial proceedings as shall be presented, or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions relative thereto as to them shall seem expedient.

64. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching claims and demands originating in the Revolutionary war, or arising therefrom, as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief therein as to them shall seem expedient.

65. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Public Expenditures to examine into the state of the several public Departments, and particularly into laws making appropriations of moneys, and to report whether the moneys have been disbursed conformably with such laws; and, also, to report, from time to time, such provisions and arrangements as may be necessary to add to the economy of the Departments and the accountability of their officers.

66. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Private Land Claims to take into consideration all claims to land which may be referred to them, or shall or may come in question; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief therein as to them shall seem expedient.

67. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Military Affairs to take into consideration all subjects relating to the military establishment and public defence, which may be referred to them by the House, and to report their opinion thereupon; and, also, to report, from time to time, such measures as may contribute to economy and accountability in the said establishment.

68. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Naval Affairs to take into consideration all matters which concern the naval establishment, and which shall be referred to them by the House, and to report their opinion there-



upon; and, also, to report, from time to time, such measures as may contribute to economy and accountability in the said establishment.

69. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to take into consideration all matters which concern the relations of the United States with foreign nations, and which shall be referred to them by the House, and to report their opinion on the same.

70. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Territories to examine into their legislative, civil, and criminal proceedings, and to devise and report to the House such means as, in their opinion, may be necessary to secure the rights and privileges of residents and non-residents.

71. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Military Pensions to take into consideration all such matters respecting pensions for military services, and, also, all such matters respecting invalid pensions, as shall be referred to them by the House.

72. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business to examine and report what laws have expired, or are near expiring, and require to be revived or further continued; also, to examine and report, from the Journal of the last session, all such matters as were then depending and undetermined.

73. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Accounts to superintend and control the expenditures of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and to audit and settle all accounts which may be charged thereon; and, also, to audit the accounts of the members for their travel to and from the Seat of Government, and their attendance in the House.

74. Six additional standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the first session in each Congress, whose duty shall continue until the first session of the ensuing Congress.

1. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Department of State;
2. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Treasury Department;
3. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Department of War;
4. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Department of the Navy;
5. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Post Office; and
6. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Public Buildings.

To consist of three members each.

75. It shall be the duty of the said committees to examine into the state of the accounts and expenditures respectively submitted to them, and to inquire and report particularly—

Whether the expenditures of the respective Departments are justified by law:

Whether the claims from time to time satisfied and discharged by the respective Departments are supported by sufficient vouchers, establishing their justness both as to their character and amount:

Whether such claims have been discharged out of funds appropriated therefor; and whether all moneys have been disbursed in conformity with appropriation laws: and

Whether any, and what, provisions are necessary to be adopted, to provide more perfectly for the proper application of the public moneys, and to

secure the Government from demands unjust in their character, or extravagant in their amount.

And it shall be, moreover, the duty of the said committees to report, from time to time, whether any, and what, retrenchment can be made in the expenditures of the several Departments, without detriment to the public service; whether any, and what, abuses at any time exist in the failure to enforce the payment of moneys which may be due to the United States from public defaulters or others; and to report, from time to time, such provisions and arrangements as may be necessary to add to the economy of the several Departments, and the accountability of their officers.

76. The several standing committees of the House shall have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

77. No committee shall sit during the sitting of the House, without special leave.

78. The Clerk of the House shall take an oath for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of his office, to the best of his knowledge and abilities, and shall be deemed to continue in office until another be appointed.

79. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make, and cause to be printed and delivered to each member, at the commencement of every session of Congress, a list of the reports which it is the duty of any officer or Department of the Government to make to Congress; referring to the act or resolution, and page of the volume of the Laws of Journal in which it may be contained; and placing under the name of each officer the list of reports required of him to be made, and the time when the report may be expected.

80. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the House, at the end of each session, to send a printed copy of the Journals thereof to the Executive, and to each branch of the Legislature of every State.

81. All questions of order shall be noted by the Clerk, with the decision, and put together at the end of the Journal of every session.

82. Whenever confidential communications are received from the President of the United States, the House shall be cleared of all persons, except the members, Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Doorkeeper, and so continue during the reading of such communications, and (unless otherwise directed by the House) during all debates and proceedings to be had thereon. And when the Speaker, or any other member, shall inform the House that he has communications to make, which he conceives ought to be kept secret, the House shall, in like manner, be cleared till the communication be made; the House shall then determine whether the matter communicated requires secrecy or not, and take order accordingly.

83. The Sergeant-at-Arms and the Doorkeeper shall be sworn to keep the secrets of the House.

84. All questions relating to the priority of business to be acted on shall be decided without debate.

### *Of Bills.*

85. Every bill shall be introduced by motion for leave, or by an order of the House, on the report of the committee; and, in either case, a committee to prepare the same shall be appointed. In cases of a general nature, one day's notice at least shall be given of the motion to bring in a bill; and every such motion may be committed.

86. Every bill shall receive three several readings in the House previous to its passage; and all bills shall be despatched in order as they were intro-

passed, unless where the House shall direct otherwise; but no bill shall be twice read on the same day, without special order of the House.

87. The first reading of a bill shall be for information; and, if opposition be made to it, the question shall be, "Shall this bill be rejected?" If no opposition be made, or if the question to reject be negatived, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.

88. Upon the second reading of a bill, the Speaker shall state it as ready for commitment or engrossment; and, if committed, then a question shall be, whether to a select or standing committee, or to a Committee of the Whole House: if to a Committee of the Whole House, the House shall determine on what day. But, if the bill be ordered to be engrossed, the House shall appoint the day when it shall be read the third time.

89. Not more than three bills, originating in the House, shall be committed to the same Committee of the Whole; and such bills shall be analogous in their nature, which analogy shall be determined by the Speaker.

90. After commitment and report thereof to the House, or at any time before its passage, a bill may be recommitted.

91. All bills ordered to be engrossed shall be executed in a fair round hand.

92. No amendment, by way of *rider*, shall be received to any bill on its third reading.

93. When a bill shall pass, it shall be certified by the Clerk, noting the day of its passage at the foot thereof.

#### *Of Committees of the Whole House.*

94. It shall be a standing order of the day, throughout the session, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

95. In forming a committee of the Whole House, the Speaker shall leave his chair, and a Chairman, to preside in committee, shall be appointed by the Speaker.

96. Upon bills committed to a Committee of the Whole House, the bill shall be first read throughout by the Clerk, and then again read and debated by clauses, leaving the preamble to be last considered; the body of the bill shall not be defaced or interlined, but all amendments, noting the page and line, shall be duly entered by the Clerk on a separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the committee, and so reported to the House. After report, the bill shall again be subject to be debated and amended by clauses, before a question to engross it be taken.

97. All amendments made to an original motion in committee shall be incorporated with the motion, and so reported.

98. All amendments made to a report committed to a Committee of the Whole House shall be noted and reported, as in case of bills.

99. All questions, whether in committee or in the House, shall be propounded in the order in which they were moved, except that, in filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put.

100. No motion or proposition for a tax or charge upon the people shall be discussed the day in which it is made or offered; and every such proposition shall receive its first discussion in a Committee of the Whole House.

101. No sum or quantum of tax or duty, voted by a Committee of the Whole House, shall be increased in the House until the motion or proposi-

tion for such increase shall be first discussed and voted in a Committee of the Whole House; and so in respect to the time of its continuance.

102. All proceedings touching appropriations of money shall be first discussed in a Committee of the Whole House.

103. The rules of proceedings in the House shall be observed in a Committee of the Whole House, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the time of speaking; but no member shall speak twice to any question, until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

104. No standing rule or order of the House shall be rescinded or changed without one day's notice being given of the motion therefor. Nor shall any rule be suspended, except by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present. Nor shall the order of business, as established by the rules of the House, be postponed or changed, except by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.

105. It shall be in order for the Committee on Enrolled Bills to report at any time.

106. No person shall be permitted to perform divine service in the chamber occupied by the House of Representatives, unless with the consent of the Speaker.

## JOINT RULES AND ORDERS OF THE TWO HOUSES.

1. In every case of an amendment of a bill agreed to in one House, and dissented to in the other, if either House shall request a conference, and appoint a committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a committee to confer, such committee shall, at a convenient hour, to be agreed on by their Chairman, meet in the conference chamber, and state to each other, verbally or in writing, as either shall choose, the reasons of their respective Houses for and against the amendment, and confer freely thereon.

2. When a message shall be sent from the Senate to the House of Representatives, it shall be announced at the door of the House by the Doorkeeper, and shall be respectfully communicated to the Chair, by the person by whom it may be sent.

3. The same ceremony shall be observed when a message shall be sent from the House of Representatives to the Senate.

4. Messages shall be sent by such persons as a sense of propriety in each House may determine to be proper.

5. While bills are on their passage between the two Houses, they shall be on paper, and under the signature of the Secretary or Clerk of each House respectively.

6. After a bill shall have passed both Houses, it shall be duly enrolled on parchment by the Clerk of the House of Representatives or the Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in the one or the other House, before it shall be presented to the President of the United States.

7. When bills are enrolled, they shall be examined by a joint committee of two from the Senate and two from the House of Representatives, appointed as a standing committee for that purpose, who shall carefully compare the enrolment with the engrossed bills, as passed in the two Houses, and, correcting any errors that may be discovered in the enrolled bills, make their report forthwith to the respective Houses.

8. After examination and report, each bill shall be signed in the respective Houses, first by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, then by the President of the Senate.

9. After a bill shall have been thus signed in each House, it shall be presented, by the said committee, to the President of the United States, for his approbation, (it being first endorsed on the back of the roll, certifying in which House the same originated; which endorsement shall be signed by the Secretary or Clerk [as the case may be] of the House in which the same did originate,) and shall be entered on the Journal of each House. The said committee shall report the day of presentation to the President, which time shall also be carefully entered on the Journal of each House.

10. All orders, resolutions, and votes, which are to be presented to the President of the United States for his approbation, shall, also, in the same manner, be previously enrolled, examined, and signed: and shall be presented in the same manner, and by the same committee, as provided in cases of bills.

11. When the Senate and House of Representatives shall judge it proper to make a joint address to the President, it shall be presented to him in his audience chamber, by the President of the Senate, in the presence of the Speaker and both Houses.



